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CHANGE IN INDIA'S STATUS

Bill In British Parliament

LONDON, Nov. 30 (PTI-Reuter).

A BILL to make adjustments needed because of India's decision to assume Republican status within the Comonwealth next month, was introduced in arliament tonight by Commonwealth Relations Secretary Philip Noel-Baker.

The bill, entitled "India (Consequential Provision) Bill, is a short measure consisting of four clauses.

It is officially described as a bill to "make provision as to the operation of the law in relation to India, and persons and things in anyway belonging to or connected with India, in view of India's becoming a Republic while remaining a member of the Commonwealth".

Presented by Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations the bill was formally read a first time. There was no discussion.

The text of the bill is as follows:

"Clause One—On and after the date of India's becoming a Republic, all existing law, that is to say, all law which, whether being a rule of law or a provision of an Act of Parliament or of any other enactment or instrument whatsoever, is in force on that date or has been passed or made before that date and comes into force thereafter shall, until provision to the contrary is made by the authority having power to alter that law and subject to the provisions of sub-section (three) of this section, have the same operation in relation to India, and to persons and things in any way belonging to or connected with India, as it would have had if India had not become a Republic".

Clause Two—This Act extends to law of, or of any part of, the United Kingdom, a colony, a protectorate or a United Kingdom trust territory and also, but so far only as concerns law which cannot be amended by a law of the Legislature thereof, the law of Southern Rhodesia or of any part thereof.

The references in this sub-section to a colony to a protectorate and to a United Kingdom trust territory shall be construed as if they were references contained in the British Nationality Act 1948.

Clause Three—His Majesty may be Order in Council make provision for such modification of any existing law to which this act extends as may appear to him to be necessary or expedient in view of India's becoming a Republic while remaining a member of the Commonwealth and Sub-section (1) of the section shall have effect in relation to any such law as modified by such an order save in so far as the contrary intention appears in the order.

An order in Council under this section—(A) may be made either before or after India becomes a Republic, and may be revoked or varied by a subsequent order in council; and (B) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Clause Four—Any increase attributable to an Order in Council under this section in sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament or out of the consolidated fund of the United Kingdom or the growing produce thereof shall be defrayed out of moneys so provided, or out of that fund or the growing produce thereof, as the case may be.

This Act may be cited as the India (Consequential Provision) Act 1949.

The bill was described by a high parliamentary authority as primarily a holding bill to ensure that the position of Indians in Britain should not be changed by the declaration of the Indian Republic.

These Indians will continue to enjoy the same position, rights and privileges in Britain as they do now, he said.

THE EFFECT

Authoritative quarters tonight indicated that the general effect of the bill is to provide that all laws shall continue to apply to India as if India had continued to be part of the King's Dominions.

This provision is subject to such amendments as the King may from time to time provide by order in Council.

The justification for this course is that while the new situation will come into force in India on January 26 with the new Republican Constitution, legislation over a wide field will subsequently be necessary in India.

The present bill will permit of consequential amendments being made in United Kingdom Law without taking up parliamentary time.

A clause in the bill (3B) provides that any Order-in-Council made under the Bill shall be subject to amendment if a resolution to that effect is passed by either house of Parliament.

SIX REFUGEES ARRESTED

S. D. O. Assaulted

BURDWAN, Nov. 30 (PTI): Six refugees were brought here today under arrest by the Sadar Sub-Divisional Officer from Kashipore Refugee Camp, about 20 miles from Burdwan.

On receipt of information that several refugees had gone on hunger strike in the camp, the S.D.O. went there last night with a police party to remove the hunger strikers, some of whom were reported to be weak, to Burdwan. The refugees, however, resisted the removal and in the resultant clash, a section of them attacked the S.D.O. and his party. The S.D.O. received slight injuries at the hands of some women refugees. The police then dispersed the crowd and took into custody six of the "ring leaders".

The hunger strike, which was started demanding rehabilitation of all refugees in the camp and also employment for them, is being continued for the third day.

Retrenchment Hoax

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30 (PTI).

DELHI'S police intelligence staff are worried.

The Secretariat of the Delhi Chief Commissioner recently received a letter apparently signed by the Registrar of the East Punjab High Court, directing retrenchment of the "Ahlmads" (junior clerks) in the Delhi District Courts. The local authorities, acting with commendable promptitude, faithfully complied with the "directive".

The Registrar, it is now learnt, wrote no such letter. The so-called letter is stated to be a "hoax".

Other heads of Departments of the Delhi Administration too have received a large number of letters—mostly anonymous—urging "retrenchment drives".

The intelligence staff are racking their brains to find out who wrote these letters, particularly the one in the name of the Registrar of the East Punjab High Court.

DISTRICT ENGINEER SHOT DEAD

Train Hold-Up On Nizam's State Railway

HYDERABAD (Dn.) Nov. 30 (PTI).

MR. S. B. Sahagl District Engineer, Nizam's State Railway, was killed last night by armed men while he was travelling by a goods train on the Dornakal-Bezwada section of the railway, according to a Nizam State Railway press note issued today.

The press note said that the goods train was heldp up by men armed with firearms between Bonakalu and Chintakani about 7 miles east of Hyderabad and the engine crew, guard and the trollymen accompanying Mr. Sahgal, whose saloon was attached to this train, were forced to abandon the train. Mr. Sahgal was detained by the armed men and later when armed assistance was sent, it was found that Mr. Sahgal had been fatally shot and his body abandoned by his assailants.

The Grand Trunk Express was delayed by two hours and the passenger train for Secunderabad delayed by six and half hours on account of the incident.

Special armed police and military forces proceeded to the spot on receipt of information.

Further details in connection with Mr. Sehgal's murder, show that he was travelling in a saloon attached to a goods train, which was stopped by armed men. No armed guard was attached to this goods train as is done in the case of passenger trains on the Bezwada section owing to the Communist menace in Warangal and Nalgonda districts.

It has been the practice for over an year to have an armed guard in every passenger train for preventing any untoward incident. An armed guard usually consists of one Sub-Inspector, a head constable and eight constables.

There was, however, no looting of the goods train.

It now transpires that the goods train was stopped by armed men, who numbered four, by showing red flares robbed from railway gangsmen. As soon as the goods train halted the raiders forced the engine crew to abandon the train. They also made the driver "drop fire from the engine" Similarly, they brought down the guard and asked them to put their "hands up". Their pockets were searched. A question regarding their salaries was also put to them. Subsequently they were asked to disperse or run the risk of being shot dead.

As Mr. Sehgal came down from his saloon, he was similarly questioned about his pay and if he carried any money. Later, they searched his saloon and took possession of his clothes. They took him away and about a furlong from the site shot him in the back. A bullet passed through his body.

The crew of the engine and the guard trekked about a mile and half and reached the nearest station where they reported the matter. An engine was sent to the scene of occurrence and the body of Mr. Sehgal was traced with some difficulty.

Mr. S. B. Sehgal, who was District Engineer, Eastern Sector, Nizam's State Railway, was a young man of 37. He was a qualified engineer with foreign degrees. Besides, he was a very popular officer. He leaves behind his widow and five children, besides a host of relatives and friends, to mourn his loss.

HOMAGE

The special carrying the dead body of Mr. Sehgal reachd Secunderabad railway station at 3-30 p.m. The platform was packed to capacity. Heads of all railway departments were present including Mr. T. M. Jagtiani, General Manager, and Mr. Rafi Hydar, Chief Commercial Manager.

40 STUDENTS ARRESTED

Procession To Council House

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30. (P.T.I.): About forty students of loal schools were taken into police custody today outside the Council Hose. They were proceeding in a procession to demonstrate in front of the Council House where the Parliament was in session. The processionists included some twenty girls.

Earlier, a student rally was held in the city and a procession taken out through the main streets.

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30 (PTI): The students who had been taken into police custody this afternoon outside the Council House, were later released by the police.

Paratroopers' Parade

The first batch of the Indian Army Paratroopers passing out of the newly established R.I.A.F. Paratroop Training School at Agra were awarded badges by Air Commodore A. M. Engineer, Air Officer Commanding Operational Command Mr. Engineer is seen pinning a badge to the arm of a successful trainee.

NIGHT AIR MAIL A GOOD SCHEME

Pandit Nehru's Defence

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30, (PTI).

THE Indian Parliament today held an inconclusive debate on Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudhuri's motion recommending the abolition of the Night Air Services. The general mood of the debate, however was strongly in favour of their continuance.

The Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, opposing Mr. Chaudhuri's resolution, said that it ignored the realities of the situation. The Prime Minister described the scheme as a good one.

On the question of nationalisation of the air services, the Prime Minister said that there was hardly a single member in the House who was opposed to the idea of nationalisation, but it was not possible to give effect to it on grounds of feasibility and practicability.

He was opposed to the development of monopolies in India and added that Government should try to encourage as many good services as possible.

While Pandit Nehru agreed with the general proposition of Prof. K. T. Shah that an independent commission should be appointed to go into all longrange aspects of civil aviation, he said that its appointment in the present context would have a different meaning. The Scientific Coordination Committee had recommended a Committee for Civil Aviation and this recommendation would be given effect to.

NO DICTATING TERMS

Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Minister for Communication, in a fighting speech that drew loud applause, strongly defended Government's action in introducing the Night Air Service and said that since it was introduced, except for one company, the other day operating companies had reduced or were going to reduce their fares. He charged some of the companies with trying to form a combine and victimise a company which had agreed to Government's terms.

Mr. Khurshed Lal, Deputy Minister, said that the day service operators had thought they could "dictate terms to the Government." Advising the industry" to put their house in order." the Deputy Minister said: "It is time industry also realises that while Government is prepared to listen to all the advices given by the industry and is prepared to help the industry, the ultimate decision in these matters must be that of Government and Government alone."

Mr. M. R. Masani said that he did not agree with the view that night services should be abolished but they should be run in the "proper way" and should be free from the disadvantages which the industry complained about. He described the financial position of the operating companies as "grim".

BUSINESS RIVALRY

Mr. Mohanlal Gautam (United Provinces) favoured nationalisation of the air companies and demanded that the tax-payers money should not be "wasted" on them.

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, supporting Mr. Kidwai, said that he had great respect for Mr. J. R. D. Tata but in opposing the Night Air Services he had "lost the balance of his mind in this business rivalry."

Mr. Kuladhar Chaliha (Assam), congratulating Mr. Kidwai, said that thanks to the Night Air Services, even a "poor man" like him could travel by air.

Smt. Renuka Ray (West Bengal) felt that some of the operating companies were simply trying to "blackmail" the Government. She too favoured nationalisation.

Mr. Thirumala Rao (Madras) thought that the Government had "rushed" into the Night Air Service scheme before examining fully its implications.

Mr. Chaudhuri will reply to the debate on the first non-official day of the budget session.

Mr. H. V. Kamath's resolution asking that the House should commence its proceedings daily with a prayer, lapsed. Mr. Kamath told the House: "It is unfortunate but God's will be done".

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And Now Merger Of Towns!

MIRAJ, Nov. 30 (UPI): The Government of Bombay, it is learnt, has under consideration a scheme for the formation of a big town combining the towns of Miraj, Sangli, Budhagaon, Madhavnagar and Kupwad to be named after Mahatma Gandhi.

The Executive Engineer of the Miraj Division, Mr. A. S. Adke, has, it is stated, already prepared an index plan showing the proposed development on Gandhi Nagar whose area would be about 25 square miles with an airport at Kavalpur.

The proposed town, it is stated, would be an important commercial, industrial, educational and medical centre.

SOVIET GIBRALTAR IN ADRIATIC

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Nov. 30: What is described as Russia's Gibraltar is being built on the Island of Saseno, former Italian fortress in the Gulf of Otranto. This when completed would make the Russians masters of the Adriatic Sea.

LABOUR OUSTED IN NEW ZEALAND

Conservatives Come In After 14 Years

WELLINGTON, Nov. 30 (PTI-Reuter): New Zealand's Labour Party was ousted by the National Party (Conservatives) in today's general elections after 14 years in office.

The final distribution of the 80 Parliamentary seats was: National Party 46, Labour Party 34, including the four Maori seats for which voting took place yesterday.

This was the first of three Commonwealth Labour Governments to go before the electorate.

The British and Australian General Elections are in the offing.

In the last New Zealand Parliament, the 76 European seats were equally divided between Labour and National, but Labour held the four Maori constituencies. Today's elections gave the National Party a majority of 12 seats.

The leader of the National Party, Mr. Sidney Holland, who retained his seat in Fedalton, said in a telephone interview from Christchurch that "the change of Government is a momentous event. I can only say I accept with humility the high honour and responsibility that has been conferred on me.

EMPIRE SOLIDARITY

"I want to say at the outset that the close enduring relationships with Britain and other countries of the Empire will be one of the governing principles to be followed. We hold that the maintenance of a strong undivided British Empire is of paramount importance not only to the Empire countries, but in the interests of the world peace and stability".

Mr. Holland, a 58-year-old Christchurch manufacturer who entered the House in 1935, has led his party since 1940.

In a pre-election speech, in which he described 1949 as "the year of our emancipation", he promised among other things, if elected, to deal "firmly" with Communists.

The handful of Communists and independent candidates all polled insignificantly and lost their deposits, with the exception of one Democratic Labour candidate.

Labour Prime Minister Peter Fraser retained his seat with a greatly reduced majority.

MAORI HISTORY

Maori electors, who always vote the day before the General Election and returned four Labour Members to the House of Representatives yesterday also made Maori history by electing a Maori woman for the first time.

Mr. Sidney George Holland, who is almost certain to be New Zealand's new Prime Minister, was elected in 1935 and became leader of his party in 1940.

He was born in October 1893 near Christchurch, and was one of a family of eight.

His parents had emigrated from Britain.

Mr. Holland played hockey as a young man and refereed the first hockey test match played in New Zealand, between his country and India.

Normal Trade Practices Restored In Japan

TOKYO, Nov. 30 (PTI-Reuter): General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, announced today that Japanese exporters would be allowed to "return to normal commercial practices tomorrow."

Too Deep For Tears

HONG KONG, Nov. 30 (PTI-Reuter): A Chinese Nationalist official who reached Chengtu yesterday said hundreds of boxes of Government silver dollars had to be abandoned on Chungking's Pai Shih Yi airfield.

Another touched the ground gratefully when he landed at Hong Kong. But when he remembered his luggage abandoned in the plane scramble, he burst into tears.

Police Open Fire On Prisoners

HOOGLY JAIL INCIDENT

CALCUTTA, Nov. 30 (PTI): Several persons were injured in a clash between some prisoners, including undertrials, and warders of the Hooghly District Jail at Chinsurah on Nov. 28, according to information received here today. The police opened fire to restore order but no casualty is reported as a result of firing.

ECONOMY DRIVE IN BRITAIN

Substantial Cuts In Information Service

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Nov. 30: As a result of economies effected in Information Services the British Government have been able to save nearly 7,00,000 pounds, during the present financial year. Further cuts are being considered and every department is being asked to review their staff requirements. Next year's cut in the expenditure of the information division will exceed one million pounds.

HONGKONG CAN BE HELD, SAYS SLIM

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (PTI-Reuter): British armed forces could hold Hong Kong "if the Chinese are foolish enough to attack it". Field Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, declared in an interview here.

Speaking of Hong Kong and the sufficiency of British forces there to withstand any attack, he said: "My son is there, so you see I am particularly interested".

SHREE M. L. DAHANUKAR'S 61st BIRTHDAY

CELEBRATION WEEK

Shree M. L. DAHANUKAR, Industrialist and former Sheriff of Bombay, completes 60 years of his useful career on 11th December. To celebrate his Diamond Jubilee a citizen's committee has been formed.

Shree S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay will preside over felicitation celeoration in a specially erected pandal on 14th December 'Dahanukar Week' begins from 11th December. The week and the programme includes selected Music, Marathi and Hindi Dramas and Dances, etc.

The Committee is also bringing out a 'Souvenir' on the occasion and articles, photos and information re. Shree Dahanukar please be sent to the committee.

Friends and admirers of Shree Dahanukar who are interested to make this celebration a success are requested to contribute and contact the committee or its President at The National Institute's Office, Model House, Behind Congress House, Bombay, 4 (Telephone No. 43424) from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. or to the Treasurer, Shree Murlidhar Sharma, Solicitor, C/o Madhavprasad & Co., Solicitors, Usuf Building, Fort (Tele:—20554) between 12 noon to 6 p.m

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Detail programme of the week will shortly be announced.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

IN PURSUANCE of a requistion, received under Section 36(D) and (H) of the Municipal Act, for calling a Special (Urgency) Meeting of the Corporation to consider the situation arising out of the externment order served by the Police Commissioner of Bombay on a Councillor, A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION will be held in the Municipal Office ON MONDAY, THE 5TH DECEMBER 1949, AT 4-30 P. M. (BOMBAY TIME).

Municipal Corporation Office, Bombay 30th November, 1949.

By Order of
His Worship the Mayor,
C. F. D'SOUZA
Ag. Municipal Secretary.

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NOTICE.

UNDER RULE 9 of the Rules Regarding Permit System Introduced between Western Pakistan and India published under Notification No. 11(55-E0/49-N, dated the 20th May, 1949, by the Government of India in the Ministry of Rehabilitation, it is obligatory for all visitors from Western Pakistan, who arrive in India on Temporary Permits, to report their arrivals, as well as their departures to the Superintendent of Police of the District which they are permitted to visit.

In Bombay, such persons will invariably make these reports in person to the Pakistan Permit Branch, New C.I.D. Building 1st floor, Gymnasium Road, Bombay, in the office of the undersigned.

Failure to do so will render them liable to prosecution.

Bombay, 29th November, 1949.

C. S. PANDYA.
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, C.I.D., Bombay

(6493)

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Canvassing will be a disqualification.

S. P. VARMA, M.A., Ph. D.,
(London)
Registrar.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF TENDER.

MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES

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Application for tender forms must be submitted on or before 8th DECEMBER, 1949.

Tender documents will be issued on and after 10th DECEMBER 1949. Tenders will be received by 15-00 hours on 26th DEC. 1949.

(6490)

G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE DISTRICT CONTROLLER, Grainshops, G. I. P. Railway, Bombay V. T., will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 p.m. on 8-12-1949 for the supply of 4,000 lbs of Tea to the railway canteen godown at Dadar Goods shed, Bombay. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office. 6470

G. I. P. RLY.—NOTICE

WITH EFFECT from January 1, 1950, CHEMBUR, GOVANDI and MANKHURD stations will be opened for passengers, and their luggage in local booking to and from stations upto Karjat on the South East and Kasara on the North East sections of this Railway, and in through booking with stations on the Suburban Section of the B.B. & C.I. Railway i.e., stations Churchgate to Virar. In addition CHEMBUR will be open for the booking of parcels also. Full particulars regarding booking etc. can be obtained from the Station Masters concerned.

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B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY

WITH EFFECT from 5th December 1949, the wharfage charge of one anna per animal per hour or part of an hour leviable after the permissible free time of six hours on horned cattle at Andheri and Borivli will be enhanced to eight annas.

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NOTICE

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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY NOTICE

TENDERS for the supply of Hay about 60,00,000 lbs. to Municipal Slaughter House at Bandra for one year from 1-3-1950 are invited and will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, not later than 1 p.m. (B.T.) on 14-12-1949.

The Hay should be of good wholesome quality and must be thin and flowery. Only hand pressed bales of hay of good crops of 1948-49 will be accepted, and hay which is musty, mouldy, thick and coarse will not be accepted. No paddy, grass or rice straw will be accepted.

Tenderers quoting for any other quality should specify the same in the tender.

Forms of tenders, specifications etc. will be given on payment of Re. 1 only for each set of tender form by the undersigned, who will give any further particulars required.

The tender should be accompanied with earnest money of Rs. 7,000/-.

B. K. PATEL,
Municipal Commissioner.

Municipal Offices,
Fort, Bombay 1.
28th November, 1949.

(6485)

M. & S. M. RAILWAY ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

SEALED TENDERS are invited for electrification of Station Building, etc., at Lonand, Bombay Presidency.

The estimated cost of the work is Rs. 8,000/-

Copies of tender documents can be had from the Chief Electrical Engineer, M & S.M. Railway, Madras-3, up to 20th December, 1949, on payment of Rs. 10/- per copy, which is not refundable.

Tenders will be received in the Office of the Chief Electrical Engineer, up to 12 Noon on 27th December, 1949.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ALIMINYA DAWOOD BEHARI HUSSEIN MINYA DAWOOD BEHARI, KHATIJABAI, widow of Dawood Behari and other heirs and legal representatives of the deceased Dawood Kassam Behari have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to my client GULAM MOHOMED NABIBUKSHA.

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.

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YUSUF ABDULLA.
Purchaser's Advocate.
280, Carnad Road, Bombay 2.
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HIGH COURT.

O. O. C. J.

Suit No. 1244 of 1945

Messrs. SASOON J. DAVID AND Co. Plaintiffs.

Vs.

Sir ALWYN EZRA. Defendant.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the immovable properties, situate at (1) Colaba, Bombay and (2) Parsi Bazar Street, Fort, Bombay respectively will be sold in two lots by the Commissioner, High Court, Bombay in his Office at 4 p. m. (S.T.) on FRIDAY, the 2nd December, 1949, as advertised in:—

"The Times of India" on 19th November, 1949.

'The Bombay Chronicle" on 26th November 1949.

"The Bombay Samachar" on 26th November 1949.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 1949.

(Sd.) A. H. KIRTIKAR
Commissioner.
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AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE of big lot E. copper wire, E. goods, acoustic tiles Talcum powder, stoves, Balsam Tube, Bobbins, Steel reeds, Velvet, Mulls, Paint, Sanitary ware etc. by order of Insurance Cos. Brand new English Perns, 212 gross, ring Travellers 210 boxes, Saffron, Remington Typewriters, record players, flaxoplast, etc., by order of Offices and parties on Friday, 2-12-49 at 2-30 p. m. at our Rooms BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF 12 c/s AYURVEDIC MEDICINES

M/S GANDHI & CO., will under instructions from M/S Chandrasen & Co. Attorneys for the Pledgee Mr. B. M. Gorakh and on a/c and at risk of A. S. Dave the Pledgor, sell by Public Auction on Monday 5th Instant at 2-30 P. M. (S.T.) at their Rooms, 72, Medows St. Fort, Bombay.

12 cases Ayurvedic Medicines.
Goods are on View.
Terms:— 25 p.c. cash deposit.

AUCTION SALE OF RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES AT AMBEGAON, DIST. POONA.

M/S GANDHI & CO. will under instructions from the Official Assignee of Bombay and the Assignee of the Estate and Effects of Jayantilal Kilachand Mehta the Insolvent and his Minor son Rohitkumar Jayantilal Mehta and with the consent of Vasant Narayan Hate and Madan Narayan Hate the Mortgagees, subject to Official Assignee's confirmation, in pursuance of an order of the Insolvency Court, dated 22-3-49, sell by Public Auction on MONDAY 12-12-49 at 3 P. M. (S. T.) at their Rooms at 72, Medows St., Fort, Bombay, the right, title and interest of the abovenamed insolvent and his minor son and of the Mortgagees in undermentioned immovable properties.

The sale will be confirmed by the Official Assignee of Bombay on 16-12-49 at 1 P. M. (S.T.) at his office at High Court Building, Fort, Bombay.

SCHEDULE

FIRSTLY: One house at village of Ambegaon, Taluka Khed, Dist. Poona, purchased from Ganesh Shanker Harkare at eastern side of Ramchandra Temple having 6 Rooms.

SECONDLY: One house at village Ambegaon, Taluka Khed, Dist. Poona, purchased from Manilal Daulatram Gujar, 5 Rooms.

For further particulars apply to the Official Assignee of Bombay or to the undersigned.

GANDHI & CO.

EDUCATE the MASSES

First Social Education Week

29th Nov. to 5th Dec. 1949

DONATE GENEROUSLY

BOMBAY SOCIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
OPP. G. P. O. BOMBAY, 1

SOCIAL EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

Newspapermen's Round In City

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Representatives of Bombay newspapers went round in the Social Education Van this afternoon to see the collections being made by the student volunteers for the Social Education Fund from the public. They also visited the Committee's sub-offices at Delisle Road. It was surprising to find 8 sub-offices of the Bombay City Social Education Committee in the different labour areas in the North of Bombay. The party was escorted by Mr. K. B. Kasotia, Deputy Social Education Officer.

Collection drive is proceeding on satisfactorily.

CITY KISAN SAHAYAK DAL ORGANISED

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Finding that the citizens of Bombay are desirous of joining the Kisan Sahayak Dal, the Government of Bombay has decided to organise such a Dal in Bombay City also. In the original scheme of the Kisan Sahayak Dal, which enables volunteers from urban areas to do their bit for the Grow More Food Campaign, Bombay City had been excluded.

Persons resident in Bombay City and the suburbs, desiring to offer their services for this work, may register their names with the Director of Parks and Gardens, Queen's Barracks, Colaba, Bombay. The Director could also be contacted on telephone (No. 35602) during office hours, if any further particulars are required.

New Sub-Post Office At Dadar

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A no-delivery Sub-Post Office will be opened, with effect from December 1, 1949 at Jiwa Devshi Building, Ranade Road Extension, Dadar.

STUDENTS SHOULD JOIN POLITICS

Socialists Criticise Government Order

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mr. Dandavate, Secretary of the Socialist Party (Bombay) has issued the following statement:—

"The Director of Public Instruction (Bombay) has recently issued a circular to the authorities of the Grant-in aid primary and secondary schools, directing them to prohibit the students and teachers of their respective institutions from participating in any political activities.

"If this process of abridgement of the civic rights of the people continues at this rate, the time will not be far off when large sectors of our society will be rendered ineffective in political sphere, thus creating fresh hurdles in the unfolding of democracy in India," he adds.

HELP ANDHRA CYCLONE VICTIMS

B.P.C.C.'s Call To Citizens

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The B.P.C.C. at its meeting today appealed to the citizens of Bombay to contribute liberally to the Andhra Cyclone Relief Fund. The B.P.C.C. made a token contribution of Rs. 101 towards the fund.

Mr. Nathalal Parikh moved a resolution that to further the drive for the saving of food, Congressmen should be asked not to give parties or to attend parties.

The resolution was however withdrawn at the request of the President Mr. S. K. Patil, who said he would like to discuss the matter with the Government first.

Premier Kher

ALLAHABAD, Nov. 30 (UPI): Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, after a three-day stay at Allahabad, left for Bombay yesterday afternoon by the Bombay Mail.

During his stay here, the Bombay Premier visited a number of educational institutions.

Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay unveiled the statue of late Sir H. C. Dinshaw Adenwalla near the Central Telegraph Office on Wednesday.

PARSI PHILANTHROPIST'S STATUE UNVEILED

Governor's Tributes To Sir H. C. Adenwalla

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A FULL-SIZE bronze statue of the late Sir Hormusji C. Dinshaw Adenwalla, a noted Parsi philanthropist, was unveiled by Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay, near the Bhika Behram Well, Churchgate Street, this evening.

The pleasant, open-air function at the Fooball Ground behind the statue was packed to capacity. A large crowd which thronged the adjoining footpath, lustily cheered the governor on his arrival.

The statue which is mounted on a ten-foot high pedestal was executed by Mrs. Sheroo Dinsha Daruwalla, a gifted city sculptress, and is located at a distance of about fifty yards from the statue of the late Mr. G. K. Gokhale, well-known liberal leader.

Unveiling the statue, the Governor lauded the philanthropic spirit and the large-hearted catholicity of the late Sir Hormusji, who, he said, had founded several charitable institutions in Aden and had donated freely towards deserving causes in Bombay

LATE SIR HORMUSJI

His Excellency Raja Maharaj Singh Governor of Bombay unveiled the statue of late Sir Hormasjee C. Dinshaw Adenwalla on Wednesday evening near the Central Telegraph office.

and elsewhere, without any distinction of caste or creed.

VERY POPULAR

Earlier Mr. S. K. Patil Mayor of Bombay, requesting the Governor to unveil the statue paid his tributes to the late Sir Hormusji's great qualities of head and heart. Mr. Patil revealed that Sir Hormusji was a constant supporter of the Congress, though in his own way. He enjoyed great popularity among all the communities.

Welcoming the guests Sir Rustom Masani said that the late Sir Hormusji was an outstanding figure in Aden for many years. He was a patron of learning and a quiet supporter of the national struggle, and was enamoured of the Gandhian philosophy of life.

A vote of thanks by Mr. Jochim Alva, Sheriff of Bombay, terminated the function.

The Governor while going, inspected the 225-year old Bhikha Behram Well on a request made by its trustees who were present at the function.

Indian Merchants' Tribute To Sir Purshotamdas

PORTRAIT UNVEILED AT CHAMBER: SERVICES TO TRADE EULOGISED

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A fine portrait of Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas was unveiled in the Committee Room of the Indian Merchants' Chamber at Church Gate this evening. The ceremony which was attended by a large and distinguished gathering of city businessmen and baronets, was performed by Mr. Bhawanji A. Khimji, President of the Chamber.

Prominent among those present were Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister Government of Bombay, Sir B. Rama Rau, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, Sir C. B. Mehta, Mr. G. L. Mehta, Mr. P. M. Master and others.

Paying his tributes to Sir Purshotamdas Mr. Bhawanji observed that the unveiling of the portrait was more a formal affair but the real purpose in arranging such a function was to give expression to their sense of appreciation of and feeling of gratitude for the manifold services rendered by Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, to the trade, commerce and industry of the country. Referring to the numerous activities undertaken by Sir Purshotamdas, Mr. Bhawanji stressed that he was inspired in all these activities by an ardent fervour of bettering the lot of the common-man by an all-round development and progress of the country.

He recalled the efforts made by Sir Purshotamdas in co-operation with the late Sir Manmohandas Ramji and others to establish this Chamber and to nurture it into the position of importance, which it occupied in the commercial life of the Nation.

He said that, the period from 1921 to 1928 was a period of hectic activities in the life of Sir Purshotamdas, which was finally crowned with the unique distinction of his having been elected as the President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry in 1928.

LEADER OF COTTON TRADE

Mr. Bhawanji made particular reference to Sir Purshotamdas's connection with the cotton trade, of which he had been the leader since 1922. As a leader of this trade, he had evinced great interest in promoting and improving schemes for the betterment of cotton production in the country and had worked incessantly in that direction as a Member of the Indian Central Cotton Committee almost since its very inception.

He also referred to the contrimbution made by Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas in the field of Finance and in that connection referred to his services to the problems of finance and currency of the country during the days of the ratio controversy.

In conclusion, Mr. Bhawanji stressed that it was because of his courage, independence of thought, devotion to duty and integrity of character that Sir Purshotamdas had earned the position of pre-eminence in the commercial community and still continued to render services in social and economic fields.

Third M. B. B. S., B. E. And B. Com. Exam Results

The following candidates have passed the Third M.B.B.S., B.E. (Mech. & Elec.—New Rules; Civil—New Rules; Mech.—Old Rules; Electrical—Old Rules; Civil—Old Rules) and B.Com. examinations held by the University of Bombay in October 1949.

THIRD M.B.B.S. EXAM.

Nos. 1 7 17 28 36 43 47 51 54 55 61 62 72 74 75 80 82 90 93 96 105 111 115 127 129 136 138 139 140 141 144 145 148 149 151 154 156 157 159 165 167 169 171 172 173 174 176 180 181 183 184 185 187 188 190 191 193 194 195 196 198 202 205 207 209 211 213 214 215 219 222 224 227 228 230 231 234 238 246 248 251 252 253 256 259 260 261 263 266 270 271 273 276 278 279 280 281 282 283 284 285 286 287 288 289 290 291 292 293 294 295 297 298 299 300 301 302 303 304 305 306 307 308 309 310 311 312 313 315 316 317.

The results of candidates Nos. 21, 22 and 152 have been held in reserve.

B. E. (MECH. AND ELEC.)

FIRST CLASS HONOUS (In order of Merit): Nos. 31 37 25 60 22 61.

SECOND CLASS HONOURS: Nos 7 8 10 14 23 26 27 28 29 34 39 40 41 43 44 50 51 52 53 54 59 62 64 67 69.

PASS CLASS: Nos. 1 2 3 6 11 12 15 16 19 24 30 35 36 42 46 49 55 56 57 58.

PASSED IN PART-1 ONLY: No 4.

The result of candidate No. 20 will be declared later.

The awards of Scholarship Prizes and Medals will be declared later.

B. E. (MECHANCAL) (OLD RULES)

PASS: Nos. 1 2.

B. E. (ELECTRICAL) (OLD RULES)

The only candidate for the examination failed to pass the examination.

B.E. (Civil) (New Rules)

FIRST CLASS HONOURS (In order of merit) Nos. 84 14.

SECOND CLASS HONOURS Nos. 17 20 21 25 26 27 29 32 33 34 39 46 48 50 56 61 69 74 75 77 88 95 106 107.

PASS CLASS NOS. 4 9 12 13 15 16 18 19 23 24 35 36 40 41 42 43 44 45 47 53 54 57 58 59 60 62 63 65 66 67 68 71 72 73 80 81 83 85 87 89 90 91 92 93 96 98 105 108 110 113 117 118 119 120 122 123.

PASSED IN PART-I ONLY Nos. 1 2 3 5 7 8 10.

The result of candidate No. 22 is held in reserve.

B.E. (Civil) (Old Rules)

SECOND CLASS Nos. 124 125 126 127.

PASS CLASS Nos. 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140.

The awards of Prizes and Medals will be declared later.

FIRST CLASS Nos. 49.

SECOND CLASS Nos. 4 8 13 42 63 65 82 87 94 100 104 115 123 129 150 156 186 200 239 268 269 270 275 291 319 349 350 366 381 389 460 473 480.

PASS CLASS Nos. 6 9 14 15 17 18 22 23 25 27 28 34 35 40 44 47 55 58 59 69 70 71 75 79 86 88 89 90 91 95 105 107 111 118 125 154 155 159 161 163 165 166 168 170 172 173 174 175 176 179 185 187 188 194 196 198 199 205 212 215 222 224 225 226 231 233 235 240 242 252 259 262 265 277 279 290 293 296 297 300 301 302 303 308 313 314 315 321 322 325 326 347 351 352 357 361 363 370 378 385 392 410 413 414 417 423 427 428 430 431 432 434 437 439 443 444 455 458 459 462 478 479 481 482 488 491 496 497 499 500 502 503 518 519 527 528 533 534 535 538 539 541 542.

PASSED IN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL SUBJECT ONLY Nos. 72 328 329 330 331 332 333 335 337 338 339 340 341 342 546 547.

The result of the candidate No. 66 will be declared later.

The result of the candidate No 292 has been held in reserve.

DEPOSITING PETROL COUPONS

Warning To Motorists

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Some motorists are in the habit of depositing their petrol coupons and special receipts with petrol dealers. This practice leads to black-marketing. Such a practice constitutes an offence, as under the Motor Spirit Rationing Order, these coupons and receipts should be surrendered to the supplier only at the time of drawing the petrol supply.

Motorists will be prosecuted for such offences in future. Action will also be taken against defaulters departmentally by discontinuing their supplementary quotas of petrol and the cancellation of permits in respect of transport vehicles.

Late Bai Mithibai N. Dastur

We regret to announce the death, due to heart failure, of Bai Mithibai Nusserwanji Dastur, which took place in her Bombay residence at Vatchaghandy Road, on Saturday last. She hailed from a well-known family of Broach and was well-known for her charitable nature and social standing. She was the daughter-in-law of late Dasturji Dinshaji Pestonji Dastur-Kamdin, once High Priest of Broach and a Judge. She leaves two sons, (1) Dara, an auditor, and (2) Dinshaw, a social worker.

CONFIRMATION CASE

Accused Acquitted

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajadhyaksha & Mr. Justice Chainani) Sheenappa Nandi & others: Appellants (Accused)

vs.

Imperator .... Respondent.

Their Lordships acquited the three appellants in a case which came up before them for confirmation of the sentences of death passed upon them by the Additional Sessions Judge of Belgaum and which was heard by their lordships along with the appeals filed by the three accused.

The prosecution case was that there was long-standing enemity between the appellants and the deceased Venkappa Nandi, that at about 2 A.M on 5th December 1948 the three appellants accompanied by four others forced their way into the cottage of the deceased, dragged him out of the cottage and hacked him to pieces with axes and spears in the presence of his wife and daughter. The names of the three appellants were mentioned by the widow in the First Information Report made by her to the police patil.

After reviewing the evidence their lordships came to the conclusion that the widow and the daughter were not in the cottage when the crime was committed, and that in any event even if they had been there, they could not have seen the assault as it was a dark night and according to the panchnama there was no light at all. In the result, their lordships acquitted the accused.

Mr. A. A. Peerbhoy with Mr. Kalakate appeared for the appellants.

The Government Pleader Mr. H. M. Choksi appeared for the Crown.

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EVIDENCE BEFORE TARIFF BOARD

'SUGAR SYNDICATES UNNECESSARY'

Merchants Disown Blame For Present Shortage

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

AT THE RESUMED HEARING of the Indian Tariff Board today in connection with the continuanc of protection to the Sugar industry, representatives of merchants and consuming interests submitted their views to the Board. Representatives of Sugar Merchants Association from Bombay, Kanpur and West Bengal as well as of confectionary manufacturers and food and fruit preserving industries were present.

The question of indigenous demand for sugar was discussed and the representatives submitted that it should be put at 13 to 14 lakhs tons per annum. They felt that as at present situated the Indian mills did not have the capacity to meet the entire demand and therefore some imports would be necessary to fill the gap between indigenous demand and supply unless sugar prices and distribution are decontrolled.

As regards the present sugar shortage in the country, the merchants denied that they were responsible for it; the Bombay merchants stated that imports into Bombay during the year 1949 were actually less than in 1945 thereby showing that there was no hoarding.

FREE MARKET

The merchants' representatives said that there was no need for an organisation like the Indian Sugar Syndicate at the present time and recognition to it by the Provincial Governments of U. P. and Bihar should be withdrawn. They were of the opinion that a free market without any control either in regard to price or distribution would bring the situation to normal and it would also give some incentive to the manufacturers to improve the quality of sugar and increase production. The merchants further stated that in its present condition, it would not be possible for the indigenous industry to compete with imports from abroad and it, therefore needed protection for some more time. It was, however, their view that imports of sugar should be allowed subject to Government's balance of payment position.

Representatives of the consuming industries supported protection on condition that they were assisted in obtaining sugar at reasonable or concessional rates. They also complained that adequate sugar was not being supplied to them for the last few months thereby stopping their business.

The Board will examine on Thursday representatives of sugar mill workers including Prof. Shibban Lall Saxena, Member of the Constituent Assembly, who will represent the U. P. and Bihar Sugar Workers' Federation.

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GUJARAT UNIVERSITY VICE-CHANCELLOR

H. V. Divatia Appointed

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Hon'ble Mr. H. V. Divatia, Chief Justice of the High Court of the United States of Saurashtra, has been appointed by the Government of Bombay as the first Vice-Chancellor of the Gujarat University. The appointment is for a period of two years.

By another notification, the Gujarat University Act has been applied to the partially excluded areas situated in Broach and Panchmahals districts.

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CITY & SUBURBS

Today

Hindu: Magsar Shud 11, 2006.
Muslim: Safar 10, 1369.
Parsi; Khordad 30, 1319.
Sunrise: 6-56 a.m Sunset: 6-0 p.m.
Hightide: 08-43, 22-08.
Lowtide: 02-48, 15-23.

Today's Engagements

VICTORIA MEMORIAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND: The Governor of Bombay will visit the School, at 5-30 p.m.

SARVODAYA WOMEN'S INDUSTRIAL CO-OP. SOCIETY: Annual meeting of shareholders at Forbes Sabha Hall, V. P. Road, at 2 p.m.

INDIAN MERCHANTS' CHAMBER: Third Quarterly Meeting at Chamber's premises, at 5 p.m

ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY: The Bombay Branch will meet at Town Hall, at 6 p.m. Sir Eugen Millington-Drake, will read paper on "Readings from poety written in English in India and Pakistan.

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE DE BOMBAY: At Greens Hotel at 7 p.m. today Sir Eugen Millington Drake will speak on 'English Thoughts on France' President: Consul for France Auspices: Alliance Francaise.

AMBULANCE PARADES: Divisional Superintendent, Lt-Col. J. D. Kothawala notifies that until further instructions the Fortnightly Sunday Parades of the Cosmopolitan Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade will be held from 9 a.m. instead of 8-30 a.m.

THE WEATHER

POONA, Nov. 30 (PTI).

The following is the daily weather summary for Wednesday the November 30, 1949:

Weather has been dry over the country except for a few showers in the southern districts of south-east Madras and in Assam.

Night temperatures have fallen appreciably in Rajputana, the East Punjab and the adjoining districts of the West United Provinces.

FORECAST valid until the evening of December 1: Dry weather will continue over the country except for a few showers in southern districts of south-east Madras, in south Malabar, the Darjeeling hills and Assam.

Night temperatures will fall in Saurashtra and Cutch, Gujarat, the United Provinces and Madhya Bharat.

The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from October 1, 1949 and departure from normal recorded at 08-30 hours I.S.T. on November 30, 1949:

Ajmer 77 47 0 0 minus 0.6 Allahabad 85 57 0 4.1 plus 1.5 Baroda 93 54 0 0.1 minus 2.5 Bhopal 88 61 0 3.7 plus 1.1 Bhuj 85 57 0 0 minus 0.4 BOMBAY 92 71 0 1.3 minus 1.7 Calcutta 83 60 0 3.6 minus 1.7 Cherrapunji 63 47 0 7.0 minus 15.1 Cochin 87 76 0 14.5 minus 5.5 Colombo 88 75 0 22.7 minus 5.0 Cuttack 84 61 0 10.2 plus 3.2 Dehra Dun 76 45 0 0.1 minus 1.5 Delhi 76 50 0 0.1 minus 0.4 Hyderabad (Dn.) 87 55 0 0.8 minus 2.8 Indore 87 54 0 4.8 plus 3.0 Jaipur 79 47 0.0 minus 0.6 Karachi 82 64 0.0 minus 0.1 Lahore 78 46 0.0 minus 0.3 Madras 83 69 0 10.4 15.6 Mahabaleshwar 76 64 0 13.6 minus 4.3 Mussoorie 59 43 0 0.2 minus 1.1 Pachmarhi 79 50 0 4.1 plus 1.0 Patiala 79 45 00 — Patna 80 58 0 3.3 plus 0.7 Poona 89 56 0 1.6 minus 3.0 Port Blair 86 76 0 16.4 minus 6.6 Quetta 57 24 0.0 minus 0.4 Rajkot 90 55 0 0.2 minus 0.6 Ranchi 79 52 0 2.8 minus 1.0 Simla 52 39 0 0.2 minus 1.5 Surat 97 63 0 2.6 plus 0.8 Trivandrum 91 74 0 9.8 minus 7.9.

CRUSHING TAXATION FATAL TO INCENTIVE

Mr. G. V. Puranik's Appeal To Provincial Governments

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

MR. G. V. PURANIK, President of the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce observed today that production could not increase under a system of free economy when the burden of taxation was crushing.

Mr. Puranik who was addressing the 22nd annual general meeting of the Chamber added that under heavy taxation the incentive and enterprise would wither away. He pleaded that Government of India's proposal for a reduction in taxation should be followed by similar measures by Provincial Governments.

Assuring the whole-hearted co-operation of the Chamber to the various measures proposed by the Indian Government to fight the economic crisis facing the country, he said: "The economic conditions are of those of slump and depression which unless they are checked in time by a supreme well-planned and sustained effort by the Government, agriculturists, industrialists, businessmen, and last but not the least, the working-classes, in fact, by the joint effort by every section of the community, will mean disaster".

CHEAP POWER

Maharashtra, like most parts of the country, needed industrial development which would be possible only if cheap electric power became available. This would be possible, he stressed if the Koyna project was not delayed. He pointed out that the project would make available 60 to 70 thousand kilowatts of power by 1955-56, and would mark the beginning of a new era of industrial development in Maharashtra.

He pointed out that excellent quality of jute could be produced, though in a very small quantity in the Konkan district of Maharashtra, which would help to reduce India's dependence on Pakistan jute. But, he said jute could not be grown in this area without encroaching on the land under paddy crop.

Referring to the food problem, he emphasised that the agriculturist should have a positive inducement to step up food production. He suggested that manufactured articles should be made available to him at reduced cost.

The annual report and audited accounts for the last year was adopted and passed at the meeting.

CITY WEDDING

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Miss Malini, daughter of Mr. Waman Keshavji Manker (ex-Presidency Magistrate and ex-Coroner) was married to Mr. Laxmikant Vasudeo Kothare (great grandson of the founder of the famous Ramwadi Temple at Kalbadevi) on Thursday November 24.

The wedding took place at the residence of Mr. W. K. Manker in the afternoon while the reception was held on the grounds adjoining their residence at 5-30 p.m. A large and cosmopolitan gathering was seen at the reception.

MADRAS, Nov. 30 (P.T.I.): The first Convention of the Indian Rationalists will be held in Madras on December 18 under the presidentship of Sir Raghunath P. Paranjpye.

TODAY'S RADIO

THURSDAY, Dec. 1.

BOMBAY—A

244 m. (1,231 kc/s) and 41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Abhang 7-35 Sharir Shikshan 7-40 Aj Ka Karyakram 7-45 Vasudeo P. Nayak (Geet) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H- 8-30 Tanukant Chemburkar (Violin) 8-45 News (G)

244 m. (1,231 kc/s) and 41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)

12-45 p.m. Sarang Rang 12-50 Vasudeo P. Nayak (Bhajan) 1-0 News (G) 1-10 As in Bombay—B 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Take Your Partners

244 m. (1,321 kc/s), 31.41 m from 4-20 to 7-45 p.m., 41.44 m from 8-0 to 11-0 p.m

4-20 p.m School Broadcast 5-0 N. V Patwardhan (Shamkalan) 5-15 Tanukant Chemburkar (Violin) 5-30 As in Bombay—B 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-20 Shivkumar Shukla (Khayal Vilambit aur Drut Marwa) 7-0 Topic of Day 7-10 Locals 7-15 K. T. Pandit (Bagreshri) 7-30 N. V. Patwardhan (Gaud Malhar) 7-45 Kamgar Sabha 8-15 News (G) 8-30 As in Bombay—B 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 As in Bombay—B 10-0 Beethoven Hour

BOMBAY—B

353 m (850 kc/s) and 48.79 m.

7-30 a.m. As in Bombay—A 7-45 News (K) 8-0 Shivkumar Shukla (Khayal Vilambit aur Drut) 8-30 News (M) 8-45 K. T. Pandit (Pad).

353 m. and 31.41 m.

12-45 p.m. As in Bombay—A 12-50 News (M) 1-0 C. Venkateshwar Rao (Abhang aur Bhajan) 1-10 Gujar Geet 1-40 News (H) 1-50 Vanita Mandal.

353 m (850 kc/s), 41.44 m. from 4-20 to 7-15 p.m., 61.98 m. from 7-30 to 11-0 p.m.

4-20 p.m. As in Bombay—A 5-30 Children's Half-Hour (E) 6-0 Leela S. Joshi 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners 7-15 As in Bombay—A 7-30 Commercial News 61.98 m. 7-45 News (K) 8-0 News (M) 8-15 Leela S. Joshi (Vocal) 8-30 Bhavaithi takhto: Talk in Gujarati by Master Kassambhai 9-0 C. Venkateshwar Rao (Kannad songs) 9-15 Gottuwadyam Par Darbari by Swami 9-30 Programme of music 9-45 Sportfolio 10-0 Shivkumar Shukla (Madhukauns) 10-30 Narayanrao Vyas (Puria).

BARODA

250 m. (1,200 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. D. K. Bidwe and Party (Shahnai par Bhairavin) 7-40 Vyayam Shikshan 7-45 Madhusudan S. Joshi (Bibhas) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Sangeet Shikshan 8-30 Rag Sangeet 8-45 News (G) 5-30 p.m. Misra Sangeet 6-0 News (E) 6-10 Malashree on Shahnai By D. K Bidwe and Party 6-20 As in Ahmedabad 6-30 Gramjano Mate 7-0 Songs from the Screen 7-15 D. K. Bidwe and Party (Shahnai) 7-30 S R Karve (Vocal) 7-45 Vastuni pasandagi: Talk in Gujarati by C. Diwanji (from Allahabad) 8-0 Jagmohan 8-10 Locals 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Listeners requests 9-0 News (E) 9-15 "Nandvayelun Haiyun" by Suresh Gandhi (G) 9-30 Madhusudan S. Joshi (Gara Kanada).

AHMEDABAD

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TALK IN KANNADA

At 8-30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) on Bombay B can be heard a talk in Kannada by Prof. K. R. Mahishi on the life and work of Kavi Ranna, followed by recitations. On Bombay A at this time there will be vocal music. This is in alteration of the scheduled programme.

Agra Professor Brutally Murdered

AGRA, November 30 (UPI): Shri Joty Prasad, a well-known lawyer of the city and former Head of the Department of Law, Agra College, was brutally murdered while taking rest in his room, by some unknown persons.

A maid servant of the professor told the police that when she entered his room to give him a glass of water, a man suddenly dragged her in the corner and tied her body and her mouth was stuffed with clothes. On finding her not returning, the inmates came to the room and found the professor murdered.

Head Constable Found Dead

KANPUR, Nov. 29 (P.T.I.): A head constable of the local armed police was found dead with a gun shot in his chest in a room in a police outpost in the heart of the city today.

Some constables at the police outpost who heard the report of the gun rushed into the room and found the constable dead. The gun of a sentry was found lying near the deceased.

The police are inquiring.

The Pulse Of The City

ILLEGAL ENTRY: The Bombay C. I. D. arrested, Tuesday, Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim, his wife Lady Amina Khannu and their son for allegedly contravening the provisions of the Influx from Pakistan (Control) Act, 1949. It was alleged that they had left Bombay for Karachi on February 19 last. They left Karachi, October 16, and reached Bombay via Colombo, October 19. The charge was that they entered Bombay without the requisite permit from the Indian High Commissioner in Pakistan.

FAILURE: For failing to make a correct declaration of 380 lbs. of sugar found in his possession, Moosaji Tayabji, proprietor of the Bedri Sweetmeat Mart, Nagdevi Street was sentenced to one day's S. I. and a fine of Rs. 5,000 or in default to undergo four months R. I. by Presidency Magistrate Mr. J. M. Barot

GAMBLING: The city police arrested 43 persons and recovered a sum of Rs. 3,000 when they raided a Chinese Club at Kamathipura, Tuesday night.

FRIENDS?: Posing as friends of Srikrishna Martand, a businessman residing at Deshmukh Lane, two persons entered his house Wednesday morning, in his absence and seated themselves comfortably there. They sent the servant away on some errand, ransacked the contents of a cupboard in the house When the servant returned they were seen seated in the house as if nothing had happened. Later, saying that they were in a hurry, they told the servant to present their compliments to the master and left. When the businessman returned, he found that all the ornaments in the cupboard worth Rs. 2,300 were stolen. No arrests so far.

PROFITEERING: For alleged profiteering in cloth and selling it without authorisation, Rammohan Ganpatram and Manmohan Ganpatram, partners of Mehra and Co. were arrested by the Crime Branch of the Bombay C. I. D.

ALL HOT: A quarrel arose in the room of Vasudev Bhanu over the practice of sorcery. Hot arguments led to blows and knives and lathis were freely used. As a result three persons were seriously injured and they were removed to the K. E. M. hospital. Police arrested Vasudev on a charge of attempting to murder and produced him before Mr. M. Nasrullah, Wednesday, at the Mazgaon Court.

FEMININE POSE: Sherbai Ghulam Mohiuddin, a Muslim woman, 35 approached one Rasul Bibi at Masjid Station on Nevember 17, and threatened to arrest her for bringing without permit 4 paylees of rice. Rasul Bibi paid Rs. 20 as demanded by her but soon after reported the matter to two constables nearby who arrested Sherbai. Presidency Magistrate James Menezes, convicted her, Wednesday, of charges of posing as a C. I. D. official and trying to extort money and sentenced her to a month's S. I. and a fine of Rs. 200 or in default to undergo imprisonment for further period of two months.

MAIN BURST: The 24-inch Vehar Main at Kurla-Andheri Road which burst on November 7 caused a loss of 0.3 million gallons of water, it is reported by the Municipal Commissioner.

PROTECTION: The question of providing armed guards for the Municipal Paymaster and the Cash Branch is under investigation by the Municipal Commissioner.

RELIEF: The Municipal Commissioner informed the Standing Committee of the Corporation that repair works of certain streets in the city which has gone bad is to be undertaken immediately.

CHANGE: In the revised set-up of the Police Divisions in Greater Bombay, which comes into effect from December 1, 1949, the Sewri Police Station will be under the control of the Superintendent of Police, "H and I." Divisions, whose office is located at the Yellow Gate Police Station. According to earlier orders on the subject, it was to be under the control of the Superintendent of Police, "E" Division.

DISPUTE: The industrial dispute between the Mazgaon Tin Factory, Bombay, and its workers has been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Mr. I. G. Thakore.

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The Bombay Chronicle

POLITICAL ACCOMMODATION

There is a report from the United States to the effect that according to Senator Johnson, who is in a position to know, the United States was making progress towards a bomb a thousand times more powerful than the Nagasaki bomb, which would destroy by blast an area of about 300 square miles. Maybe, Soviet progress is still in the Nagasaki stage, but a bomb having been successfully manufactured and exploded, it is only a matter of time for the Soviet Union too to produce bombs, which will represent a 100 or 1,000 per cent improvement on the old. The destructiveness of the "improved" bombs—and there is no reason to suppose that they will not be further "improved"—still more thoroughly limits the alternatives before the Big Powers and the urgency of choosing between them. It is a choice not between peace and war but between inevitable war and an "East-West" political accommodation which is unreserved, wholehearted and suspicion-proof and which is thus a guarantee of peace. The bomb is undoubtedly a deterrent of war. And the more powerful it is the more powerful will it be as a deterrent. But unless there is some sort of mutually trustworthy political accommodation, that bomb will—burst. And will destroy the world. Meanwhile, it is probably true that the danger of war has, as India's Prime Minister, said the other day, receded. It is also true that by receding it has afforded time and opportunity for the leaders of both camps to review their relations and for nations of good will like India and their spokesman to persuade the former into changing the direction and the path of their march.

But meanwhile also, the two camps are busy utilising the time in a feverish activity to mobilise support and to extend and perfect their preparations. The latest instance is the action taken by the cominform and announced by the "Pravda". It is a two-fold move. One is an offensive against Yugoslavia, which was expected in all its fury and thoroughness short of war. The second is a rallying cry addressed to Western Europe, which is a curious mixture of pure communism and the Popular Front of Spanish Civil War days. The objective, of course, is to safeguard Eastern Europe by eliminating that dangerous but big "pocket", Yugo-Slavia and to strengthen the camp by organising support inside the other camp. The other side is also not idle. An instance, and it is not the only instanee, is the recent conference in Istanbul of American diplomats in the Middle East. If the revelation in the Egyptian paper "Al Misri" regarding decisions taken at that conference is correct a plan is shortly to be launched in both the economic and political fields to organise the countries of the Middle East as an integral part, or a supporting unit, of the Western democratic camp. The Middle East is a vitally strategic area and it should not be surprising if it presently became the battle ground of a grim and furious diplomatic and political war between the East and the West. And it is not a happy prospect for the people of the Middle East whose misfortune is their geography and their resources.

Teachers And Politics

The "Times of India" publishes a review on Indian politics where it is stated that teachers are considerably perturbed in the Province at a new set of bans imposed on their out-of-school activities. Inquiries in the city reveal that the restrictions relate to political activities and have been by way of extension of existing rules which, however, have so far been confined to Government schools and Government-aided institutions. The new rule is aimed at protecting boys and girls below 16 years of age from the influence of party politics, which is very desirable. But the language in which the note has been framed, is unfortunate and practically unenforceable. Teachers and students are required to abstain from membership in any political party, to refrain from supporting candidates at elections to local, provincial or central bodies, and students under sixteen are not to attend political meetings. Most headmasters will, being sensible persons, just forget this order. But it is not unlikely that it might be used to harass a teacher who happens to incur the displeasure of the school authorities. Moreover, there is some point in insisting on teachers working under government or municipal control remaining non-political. How can it be extended to those teaching in private-run schools? Yet the Bombay Government has failed to make this distinction.

There is another point that needs consideration: Everywhere the emphasis is on making the school more harmonious with the social setting. Everywhere the teacher is expected to be a respected member of society, contributing far more than the work he does in his class-room. How can this result be achieved by cutting him off from political life altogether? Among a people who are little educated, the teacher stands out as the symbol of enlightenment. It would have been thought that, while a natural non-party attitude in a teacher would no doubt be welcome, his participation in politics might be expected to soften party acerbities. At any rate, the non-party mind cannot be brought about by Government order. We have ourselves known several individuals who have studied economics under Socialist teachers and have been able to form their own opinions; and others who have developed extremist views under conservative, even reactionary, masters. It is not the views a person holds that matter so much as the way in which he does his teaching. And in the primary and secondary stages, the political leaning of a teacher should matter even less. Certainly, if a man or woman is found abusing his position as teacher to give his students a political bias, he or she can be sent away forthwith. But to deprive him of a fundamental right is going too far, except for the fact that it is not going at all. As we have remarked, it is a rule that cannot be enforced by any educational head who has the interest of his institution at heart. In the circumstances, it is a harassment which cannot be defended. What is surprising is that so far there has not been any protest from the teaching community. Probably, the rule has not been passed on to the general teachers by the heads of institutions. If this is the case, we congratulate the heads on their robust commonsense. But if it is that the teachers do not regard this as an encroachment on their civic rights, then there is something radically wrong with them and the sooner they realise their responsibilities the better.

Face The Issue

The expected has happened. The rather doubtful attitude of the Government towards the Hindu Code Bill threatens to revive old controversies. The Anti-Hindu Code Bill Committee has threatened to launch a satyagraha to have the bill removed from the agenda for Parliament. The Women's Conference is getting ready to do propaganda for the Bill, with commendable zeal and promptness. It is going to make the position of the Government exceedingly difficult and that would not have mattered if the controversy had been worthwhile. Contrary to the vain hopes roused by those who have been asking for public opinion being ascertained on it, the delay in considering the Code Bill will only unleash several reiterations of the old arguments. This is so obvious that Pandit Jawaharlal was justly indignant at the strategy of delay and protested that it would not be tolerated. Already the reactionaries have scored heavily in securing from the Government a policy of conciliating them. The committee which Pandit Jawaharlal offered, is to be a committee of accommodation and it is to meet with the object of achieving general agreement. The attitude of the reactionaries has shown beyond doubt that they are not interested in a solution; they want the measure dropped completely. In the Hindu reform movement, two planks have stood out—the status of women and the abolition of outcasting. On the second issue, the Congress, in or out of office, has shown no weakening. There is no reason why on the first there should be a different attitude. Pandit Jawaharlal has declared publicly that his Government was prepared to make the Hindu Code Bill a matter of confidence. Let that challenge be pressed without hesitation.

Thought For The Day

Amiable people, though often subject to imposition in their contact with the world, yet radiate so much of sunshine that they are reflected in all appreciative hearts.

—DEULZY.

Tete-à-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (PTI-Reuter).

The United States State Department has authorised a visit to the United States by Li Tsung-Jen, Acting President of the Chinese Nationalist Government, it was officially stated today.

State Department officials said the American Consulate General at Hongkong has been instructed to issue a visa to General Li if he applied for one.

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From the Constituent Assembly proceedings:

"Mr. B. Das: May I inquire if capitalists and black-marketeers have approached the Finance Member to come to some settlement in meeting their cases with payment of a certain percentages of the amount involved?

The Finance Minister: Nobody has approached me."

Then what is all the pother about?

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The "New York Times" assures that "India will receive and deserve widespread congratulations from all parts of the world on the adoption of her constitution."

Thanks.

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As a London report interprets it, the Cominform has, with the publication in "Pravda" of decisions taken at a secret meeting of the Communist Information Bureau held in Hungary last month, taken open action to rally Communists in the countries of the West.

The temperature under the shade is rising.

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The main resolution sponsored, the report explains unnecessarily, by the Soviet Union, demands the rallying of "all honest supporters of peace irrespective of religious faiths, political views and party membership....."

Are—re—rey what's that?

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Talking of resolutions we have just read the following in the press: "The ruling upper strata upheld by an excessively inflated military police apparatus, with the aid of which they oppress the people of—, have converted the country into a military camp, destroyed the political rights of the working people and trampled on all free expression of thought."

Lest you might be tempted to fill the blank left above wrongly, we must tell you that it is one of the Cominform resolutions and the blank, therefore, represents Yugoslavia.

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President Truman has reported to Congress that U.S. military aid together with the courage and determination of the Greek people, had substantially eliminated the Communist guerilla threat to Greece.

The other internal threat to the democracy of Greece is, of course, quite O.K.

By the way, it's rather unfair to have ignored the military aid of the British ally.

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Tokyo: The Prime Minister, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, said today that he believed that the Allied Governments would take steps to "safeguard" an unarmed Japan after a peace treaty was signed.

He may rest assured that they will take every step to "safeguard" Japan. In fact, they will fight it out between themselves for the privilege—with Japan as the battlefield.

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Madras, Nov. 27: Miss Jeannette Rankin, ex-Congress woman and research scholar from the United States said, at a meeting here: "women by temperament are more suited to progress by non-violence and a peaceful settlement of the world disputes than men."

Sez she. (But strictly 'solto voce' please if you care for peace).

INDIA'S MESSAGE TO EAST AFRICA

By Dev Raj

AS TRUE Indians in spirit and culture, we, East Africans, are truly thankful to our motherland for not sundering ties with us on the attainment of independence. On 15th August, 1947, we expected India to be in a state of chaos for the next ten years at least as predicted by the outgoing British and we expected India to have little to do with our lives here across the seas in foreign lands. On the contrary, within a year, India presented to us a Commissioner, a cultural ambassador.

Here in East Africa we find a regime which is truly reminiscent of the Indian regime of days gone by, a regime which looked down on Indians as 'canaille,' children of dust to be trampled upon on every occasion. This Government was tempered sometimes with the benignity of favourable governors, governors favourable in a little measure to the Africans, the sons of the soil. Still, here in East Africa, Government is better than it used to be in the India of old in many ways, for it knows right from the beginning the dangers of following the same line as in South Africa. Today Britain looks to East Africa to solve many of her own problems, problems of food, surplus population, saving of dollars, future investment and others, the aftermath of the last war.

WHITE ARROGANCE

Before the attainment of independence in India, the white men of this country were arrogant enough. During 1946 and 1947, this attitude changed for the worse and they were thinking in terms of driving us out of this fair land, especially because of an influx of retired Britons from India (civil and military servants) and of South Africans who had come here during the war and dreamt of South Africanising this country. Retired British officials of the Indian civil and military services did not desire to go to Britain where they would have to pay 9/6 in the £ as income tax, where service was hedged in by politeness to others, where there were no ji-huzoori servants, no nabobism, where wives of ex-governors, etc., had to scour their own pots and pans for lack of domestic service or help. East Africa has a reputation for providing cheap labour and the Sahib can still loll about with his chhota peg.

NEHRU'S ENVOY

Then came the personal envoy of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on 15th August, 1948, a day of good augury. We, East Africans, expected the Raja's son sent to us to be stand-offish since he belonged to the older aristocracy of India, one for whom service had been provided in lieu of dispossession in India. Frankly, we never expected Apa B. Pant, son of the Raja of Aundh, to be one of the people. But we were wrong. Right from the boat at Mombasa and the railway station at Nairobi, he stepped into the hearts of the Indians here.

Apa B. Pant comes here on a mission, which he expects to be fulfilled by Indians in East Africa. He wants to create a simple and clear pattern of life with the three races as one homogeneous whole, respecting the good points of each other's social fabric. He wants the development of an economic and social fabric which will make all the three races work together as one team for the betterment of this land, and he is fully interested in keeping and preserving peace between the three races.

Many qualities come to our minds when we think of Pant—his charm of manner, his courtesy to both the high and the low, of the great and the little, great and the small, of the highest European official as well as the poorest African. The finest Indian here was regarded as nothing by the arrogant European. Pant has shown the Europeans of this country what an Indian is—a true servant of India, a free Indian, a free human being. Today many Europeans number him as one of their friends, as also many Africans.

The African of today understands the European as well as the Indian. He understands the meaning of imperialism, political freedom, the greed for power in the European as well as in the Indian. Today he understands fully well the benefits that the European has bestowed upon him; he has read about Gandhi and has watched with respect the struggle for freedom in India. And he has weighed the Indian, the man who came here early in the century and opened up the hinterland. And he has learned to appreciate what the European and the Indian can do for him. On the one hand the African wants the education of the west, on the other hand the craftsmanship of the Indian artisan and Indian business acumen. African business is following the pattern of Indian business in careful detail, although it is still on the lowest rung of the ladder.

RELATIONS WITH AFRICANS

In the past there was no liaison between the Indian and the African; the Indian was looked on with suspicion. Leaders of African thought openly said, "Europeans exploit us politically; you exploit us economically. Wherein lies the difference?" To strive to remove this ugly impression from the mind of the African was the duty of every Indian here; but it did not happen so. This is the duty that Pant has taken on his own shoulders. Within a few months of his arrival he has charmed African leaders; he has sent some to India to see things for themselves, to see the Indian in India and not to have the distorted view presented by the white press in East Africa.

Since no East African Indian tried to carry out his duty of removing suspicion from among the three races, Pant endeavoured to bring the three groups together. To give a better knowledge of Indians and India to Africans, he got a number of scholarships for African students to Indian Universities. These scholarships were given by the Government of India; but it was at Pant's instance that some of the rich East African Indians awarded a few such schoiarships. Pant has gone to the huts and villages, schools and cultural institutions of the Africans so as to remove the impression that the Indians were not interested in African life or in the betterment of the African. To improve Euro-Indian relations is a harder task. Europeans here suffer from a superiority complex as much as our Indians suffer from an inferiority complex in their contacts with each other. Our cultural ambassador has tried to, and is still trying to, bring Europeans and Indians together. He believes that Indians should shoulder civic responsibilities properly. The Coryndon Museum at Nairobi is a fine institution and its extension was sought for. Pant has taken upon himself the task of collecting funds for a Gandhi Memorial wing to be added to the Coryndon

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

A Twisted Outlook

The "Economist" must be sorely puzzled by Dr. Matthai's dismissal of it as a biassed commentator on Indian events. It cannot deny the bias but it has certainly been at great pains to dissociate its criticism of India's economic position and prospects from its opinion of Dr. Matthai whom it praises highly. Its central theme is the Kashmir campaign must be given up. If one reads the note that the "Economist" carries in the same issue on Kashmir, the whole thing becomes clear: India must give up the conflict because if she is in possession of Kashmir, it will be like a dagger thrust at Pakistan and Pakistan can never rest quiet. India's peaceful professions cannot be believed because of what she did in Hyderabad. And so on. The "Economist" does not bother to look at the question from the point of raided Kashmir. It is possible that if the Kashmir blinkers were removed from the "Economist's" eyes, it will be really able to understand the Indian question. But the likelihood of that happening is remote. For the rest, the 'Economist" has been saying much the same thing about its own Government without greatly influencing its policies.

Indian Or Foreign?

There is some justice in the criticism raised in the Constituent Assembly that it should be possible to obtain the capital one wants in India instead of wooing foreign capital and world finance. On the other hand, this will not be the dollar and, to a less extent, sterling exchange which is necessary. So far as Indian capital goes the Government has gone a very long way to reassure it and, if it still does not respond, there must be some move out of the stalemate. What is a curious point is that on a matter like sugar which required a little outside pressure to bring local industrialists to book, the Government stands firm in its resolution not to import from abroad whilst it is ready to invite foreign capital on exactly identical grounds—that Indian business is not playing fair. It might not be possible to do entirely without foreign capital but certainly it can be kept down to a minimum if it is not necessary. But let Indian Business come forward. As Mr. Homi Modi observed in one of his speeches before he took up the U.P. Governorship, capital that seeks to have everything made safe for it, lacks the saving grace of enterprise.

What Price Freedom?

Acharya Kripalani has a caustic tongue and his latest pronouncements show little abatement of its force. Speaking at an Assam Students Conference, Acharya Kripalani said, 'If people indulge in black-marketing and administrators begin to take bribes, then our country, in spite of its independence, can never prosper". He wanted the younger generation to start another revolution to improve things but he was astute enough to see that unless unity was first established nothing useful could be accomplished. He said that the man who thinks in terms of disunity, is a traitor—"as great a traitor as the Muslim League that brought about the division of India." This ranting against the Muslim League is fairly futile occupation for an ex-Congress President to indulge in. Mr. Kripalani must be reminded of the lines,

Why, Treason never prospers.
What's the reason?
When Treason prospers, none dare call it treason.

It is obvious that Mr. Kripalani has something specific in his mind when he indulges in these generalisations but could he not be a little more precise and take his audience into the secret?

"Our Lifelines."

"Our Lifelines" was a series of radio talks delivered by leading personalities in the Government of India. "Our Lifelines" is a Dunlop House Publication incorporating those talks and presenting them to the reading public in an attractively got-up brochure with neat illustrations. The lifelines, of course, are our railway, our roads, our sea and river transport and our airways. Though the material is official, the presentation is on the best commercial lines and as such this booklet gains the best of both worlds—it is both authoritative and interesting. A special feature of the publication is the graphs and figures which convey a world of information at a glance. Mr. N. Gopalaswami Iyyengar, Minister for Railways, draws attention to the fact that over 80 per cent of the goods and 70 per cent of passenger traffic is carried over the railway; Mr. K. C. Neogy, Minister for Commerce, maintanis that sea transport is the most important and the cheapest, ships carrying over 75 per cent of the world's trade and commerce; Mr N. V. Gadgil, Minister for Works, Mines and Power, talks of the great possibilities that lie in harnessing rivers; Mr. Rafi Ahmad Kidwai, Minister for Communications, dwells on the possibilities of civil aviation; and Mr. Y. N. Sukhtankar, Secretary to the Transport Ministry, speaks of the highways as fundamental to all modes of transport "although we are inclined to take them for granted and to treat all problems connected with them somewhat casually." The skill with which the series has been evolved, is due to the apt handling of that much-maligned institution, AIR; and the result is a very attractive production.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

No Legal Existence For Bandra Board

The last extension granted by the Provincial Government to the Bandra Municipal Board under special amendment enacted for the purpose of extending the life of the Municipalities functioning since 1945, expired on the 31st October 1949. Under that enactment, the Provincial Government has exhausted its powers of granting any further extension to Bandra Municipality; such being the legal position, Government have not, obviously, issued any orders for extension of the life of the Board till the 31st March next. Hence two facts emerge for serious consideration:

According to law as provided by Bombay Municipal Boroughs Act, 1925, Section 25, sub-Section (2) clause (b), "the term of office of the outgoing councillors shall be deemed to extend to and expire with the day before the date" of the first general meeting called "after a general election." This presupposed a general election which the Government did not order as provided by law before the 31st October 1949, in spite of the fact that the new electoral roll was published under the Act on the 1st July 1949, i.e., exactly four months as required by law before the expiration of the life of the Board on 31st October. This publication of the new list of voters (which showed that the number of voters increased to thirty-eight thousand and odd from the twenty-two thousand and odd which was the figure for the last general election in May 1945) was made by the Returning Officer on the presumption that the Provincial Government had exhausted their powers of granting extensions to the present Board under Sec., 25, sub-section (1) of the Act and under the above mentioned enactment. The legal position boils down to this, namely, that in the absence of a general election, there is no provision in the Act itself for validating any of the acts of the Board, which is defunct in law and has become absolutely unrepresentative in practice. This vacuum cannot be filled in by any amount of legal quibbling. It WAS open to the Provincial Government to bring out the necessary legislation before the expiration of the life of the Board on the 31st October last. Government did not even bring out any ordinance also. That has also to be noted. Since the legal vacuum mentioned is impossible to be filled in even by legislation, there is one and only one course open to the Provincial Government, namely, to take over the municipal administration themselves until such time they hand the same over to the Bombay Municipal Corporation. That is the only honourable and legal course open to the Government to prevent further degeneration of the administration at the hands of the defunct Board which is constitutionally irresponsible: legally speaking, the Board is not now responsible for its actions even to the Government. That is a clear cut position.

Another fact that emerges is the one relating to the functioning of the various executive committees, termed in Rules under the municipal act as controlling committees. While there is not even a ghost of a possibility of legal quibbling as regards the functioning of the Board itself, the Act is absolutely silent as regards these committees. They have now no legal locus standi at all.

The administration of the Bandra Municipality has reached a dead end. Why the Ministry for Local Self-Government is sleeping over this state of affairs is a point which needs clarification on the floor of the Assembly itself. Is it not inexplicable that the Government allow things to drift to the extent that they have done in the case of the Bandra Municipal administration which it is open to any rate-payer or voter on the new list published on the 1st July last to challenge in High Court and expose?

—NOORUDDIN KUDALKAR

Fish Fantasy

Many moons have passed since the Government of India's fishing boat, the 'Meena,' started operation in our seas. Its record has been miserable. It was fitted up at a cost of about Rs. 10,00,000. All this money came from the pockets of harassed tax-payers. Yet what are the results? The experiment with the ship has been scrapped to the bitter cost of the tax-payer though not to the greater glory of the prudent pundits adorning the Fisheries Departments of the Government of India and Bombay. The public is entitled to an explanation why the trawling scheme with the 'Meena' was at all undertaken, specially in view of the miserable failure of the "William Carrick', which operated in these very areas.

Another scheme which is likely to prove a white elephant is the proposed erection of a cold storage plant at Sassoon Dock, with a capacity of 500 Tons. The superfluity of the proposed plant will be evident from the fact that the Bombay Coastal and the India Fisheries have already on the very site cold storage plants capable of meeting the needs of the industry for a long time to come. Besides, there are also other cold storage plants and ice factories in which a considerable amount of private capital has been sunk. These have, unfortunately, been unable to operate as Government have refused to supply them with electrical energy One would like to know whether the Government of India's plant, will obtain priority over the plants and factories which are now idle. In addition, there is one powerful reason against the erection of fresh plants. The public does not want fish to go into cold storages, but wants it to come out not only from there but also from the seas in order that the rising demand may be met and the present high prices may be lowered.

—T. R. VAZ.

Yes, But How?

There can hardly be any gainsaying Dr Ambedkar's statement that unless social and economic equality were hastened, the political democracy of India would ever remain in a jeopardy. Will the learned Law Minister and the constitutional Manu further break the gordian knot by explaining how he contemplates translating this long-cherished ideal into actuality? On the question of hero-worship also, one cannot help asking him as to what he proposes doing to save a number of Harijans from making himself their object of hero-worship.

Bhusawal. —AN INQUISITIVE.

Grow Jute

The Minister for Commerce, Government of India, has placed on the table of the Dominion Parliament a statement, showing the amount of dollars earned by the export of Indian Commodities for the period April-September, 1949. Hardly 4 per cent of the dollars are really earned by the export of skins and hides

Instead of killing more animals and exporting hides and skins, the Government of India may take steps to consider the plantation of jute fibres in the districts of Thana and Ratnagiri of Bombay Province, and regain the loss of trade in jute sustained by partition and devaluation

Bhandup. —L. D. DIXIT.

The Modern Messiah

J. Krishnamurti was announced by Dr. Besant to be the modern Messiah. He was in fact said to be the mouthpiece of the Himalayan Masters under whose occult instructions he was groomed and inspired by whom he wrote and gave us "At The Feet of The Masters." Then the "Star of the East" organization came into being mainly to broadcast his message to the world. But Krishnamurti later on dissolved that Order and now has no affiliations with or 'locus standi' in the T.S. of which he was the product. So we are at a loss to understand whether we are to follow Krishnamurti as the theosophical "Jagadguru" which avowedly now he is not, or take his current teachings as his own and in no way having the hallmark of the Himalayan Masters. Krishnamurti as a freethinker presents rather a baffling problem as he no longer holds the stage in "His Master's Voice". And yet Dr. Besant warned us "Reject him and then let your civilization go down as the others which have gone before." But the original plans apparently have gone awry. Will any of your readers or theosophists kindly enlighten us in what respect we are to regard this phenomenon of an accredited World Teacher who has gone back on his own and the teachings he sets forth?

Surat. —MULCHAND DEOMAL.

Housing Policy

The Bombay Provincial Property Owners' Conference have brought out vividly how in their treatment of the property owners both the Central and Provincial Governments have deviated from their own maxims of Truth and Justice. Their guiding policy has been to placate the masses of tenants at the expense of the property owners with the sole eye to their votes; because the property owners are few, easy to tax and supposed to be rich, they can be taxed ad nauseum with impunity.

It is overlooked that house building is a vital and beneficent industry for the welfare of the community and to stifle it heartlessly as has been done is nothing short of inviting disaster. The inevitable result of this short sighted suicidal policy is reflected in the scandalous shortage of housing accommodation, which cannot be had for love or money.

Apart from inflicting grave injustice to a useful section of the community, common sense demands that all restrictive legislation be forthwith abandoned for a more constructive and virile policy to stimulate house building activities in every conceivable manner. It may require special efforts to revive the confidence of house builders, which is rudely shaken.

—V. M. SARAIYA.

Andhra Province And Bellary

I note with regret, that the Taluks of Adoni, Alur and Rayadrug of Bellary District are under the A.P.C.C. according to the much criticised and disputed Kelkar Award and are to be a part of the proposed Andhra Province. Whatever may have been the reason for the Kelkar Award it is an acknowledged fact and can be proved to the hilt, that the majority of the people of these three Taluks are Kannada speaking and are opposed to the idea of being under the Andhra Province. Incessent agitation is going on in this respect, and it has also been brought to the notice of the K.P.C.C and the Congress High Command. It will thus be seen, that these three Taluks are the much disputed areas

While the Working Committee Resolution already says that the area of the proposed Andhra Province should be "Undisputed" it is highly unjust to include these three Taluks about which there is keen dispute I therefore wish to draw the attention of the All-India Congress Working Committee to immediately correct their Resolution by dropping out these three Taluks from the proposed Andhra Province. The entire District of Bellary should remain in the residuary of Madras Province only and under no circumstance be given to the proposed Andhra Province even for administrative purposes however temporary it may be.

—ALLUM SUMANGALAMMA.

Bellary.

Xaviers Win Northcote Shield After Fifteen Years

THRILLING VICTORY BY ONE WICKET OVER ELPHINSTONE IN FINAL

B. R. Irani Opens Innings And Carries His Bat For 85 Runs

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Thanks to a stubborn innings by Behram Irani, who batted for nearly six hours in making an unbeaten 85, St. Xavier's won the Collegiate Cricket Tournament today when they beat the Elphinstone and Royal Institute of Science by a wicket at the Brabourne Stadium the winning hit having been made half an hour after the tea interval.

The winners required 171 runs for a victory and the St. Xavier's captain shouldered the responsibility to a nicety, though, to the advocates of brighter cricket his back-to-the-wall cricket must have been positively boring. But Behram Irani had fully realised that had he failed there would have been a crisis in his players' dressing-room. That he had visualised correctly was manifested in the fact that it was left to him to make the hit that gave his college the Sir Ibrahim Rahimtoola Challenge Cup amidst great rejoicing.

Irani offered two chances when he had topped the fifty mark but they were, indeed, small blemishes in an innings which was characterised by watchful cricket. Of the other batsmen to catch the eye, Bhutani was the man. Coming in to bat at the fall of the eighth wicket with the total at 135 and his side requiring 36 runs for a triumph, he started off as if he had been batting longer than his captain. He refused to be overrawed by the occasion and went for the bowling in a manner in a judicious manner. Anything over-tossed he dispatched to the boundary with ease and grace. It was a great pity that he should have been held behind the wicket when St. Xavier's were five short of the required runs.

The Elphinstone and Royal Institute of Science deserve special commendation for never giving up the ghost until the match had been lost. To a man, they were ever on their toes. Their bowling was well directed, medium-paced Vinod Kothare and Anandkar maintaining an accurate length, while Vinayak Desai "Kaka" to his friends flighted and spun the ball cleverly and his one continuous spell of twenty-six overs in which he claimed the wickets of the otherwise prolific run-getters, Jagasia and Herwadkar was really meritorious. It is interesting, though unprofitable, to speculate which way the match would have ended had Behram Irani been held when he offered chances in the slips a little after he had reached his fifty.

When Irani and Jadhav resumed their innings this morning with the total at 30 for 1, St. Xavier's wanted 141 runs for a triumph, but by the time the teams adjourned for lunch they had augmented the total by 68 for the loss of two more wickets.

With 73 runs to get, it seemed that St. Xavier's would collect them with facile ease, especially as Behram Irani and Jagasia were not in the least troubled by the bowling, but fifteen minutes after the resumption, "Kaka" Desai bowled a leg-break inches off the leg-stump and Jagasia in rightly attempting a big hit was bowled neck and crop.

Wickets thereafter fell at intervals and with the score-board showing 135 for 8 both the teams were winning and losing. But with the arrival of Bhutani, the hopes of the Elphinstone and Royal Institute of Science were sealed. Bhutani attacked the bowling and when he fell to a smart catch to Dalvie off Anandkar, he had the satisfaction of making 20 invaluable runs and taking his side within five runs of a win. Cooper, the last man, played with great nerve and enabled his skipper to make the winning hit amidst great rejoicing.

SCORE-BOARD

ELPHINSTONE AND RISc (First Innings) 97

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE (First Innings) 108

ELPHINSTONE AND RISc (Second Innings) 181

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE (Second Innings)

B. R. Irani not out	85
H. K. Udpikar b Kothare	4
Y. M. Jadhav b Kothare	16
A. J. Ratnagar st. Dalvie b Desai	1
A. M. Jagasia b Desai	22
M. D. Irani c Parekh b Anandkar	4
A. Chaudhary b Anandkar	6
S. K. Rattonsey b Kothare	3
P. G. Herwadkar b Desai	2
M. B. Bhutani c Dalvie b Anandkar	20
B. F. Cooper not out	1
Extras	7
Total (for 9 wkts.)	171

FALL OF WICKETS: 1 for 3; 2 for 54; 3 for 61; 4 for 105; 5 for 112; 6 for 121; 7 for 130; 8 for 135; 9 for 166.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
T. P. Raje	15	6	16	0
V. M. Kothare	29	9	36	3
M. C. Parekh	3	3	0	0
S. S. Anandkar	36	17	44	3
V. P. Desai	44	19	61	3
V. C. Dalal	2	0	7	0

UMPIRES: H. D. Billimoria and M. S. Merchant.

ANJUMAN-I-ISLAM WIN BY BIG MARGIN

Centuries By Toufique Hussein And Kadar In Harris Shield

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

In the three quarter-final mathes of the Harris Shield Cricket Tournament played today, the outstanding performances were those of Toufique Hussein and Kader, both of whom registered unbeaten centuries, and of Lajmi, who took five wickets for five runs. Because of these feats, the Anjuman-I-Islam High School were able to beat the Union High School by a big margin at the Bombay Port Trust ground at the Cross Maidan.

Batting first, the Wilson High School were put for 108, Lajmi and A. I. Kader doing most of the damage. The holders started inauspiciously with the scoreboard reading 10 for 2, but Toufique Hussein and A. I. Kader went on to collect 106 and 105 in a total of 269 for 7.

At the Azad Maidan, the Sheth Anandilal Podar High School were beaten by the Bharda New High School by 92 runs, while in another match at the same venue the Wilson High School and Marwadi Vidyalaya High School will continue their unfinished match tomorrow.

Scores:

Wilson High School 198 (A. L. Apte 35, S. V. Sapre 30 Hukam singh 3 for 58) vs. **Marwadi Vidyalaya High School** 109 for 5 (Devendra batting 47, Rajesh 25, Gupte 2 for 39).

Union High School 108 (P. B. Haldankar 32, V. S. Lajmi 5 for 5, A. I. Kader 3 for 31) lost to **Anjuman-I-Islam High School** 269 for 7 (Toufique Hussein 106 (fourteen fours) retired, A. I. Kader 105 (one six, eighteen fours) retired, P. B. Haldankar 3 for 55).

Bharda New High School 270 (Jagdish Seth 52 Dinshaw Mody 70, M. M Advani 25 not out, Satish Edekar 5 for 84) beat **Sheth Anandilal Podar High School** 178 (G. P. Edekar 30 Satish Edekar 72, H. S. Ghai 4 for 30).

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Cooperage.

3-45 p.m. St. Xavier's "A" vs. G.I.P. "A".

4-45 p.m. Bombay City "A" vs. Goan Sports "A".

St. Xavier's College Ground, Parel.

3 p.m. B. B. and C. I. "C" vs. Lever "A" (Div. one).

4 p.m. St. Xavier's "C" vs. Blue Wizards "A" (Div. one).

5 p.m. St. Xavier's Assn. vs. Thana Dist. Police. (Senior Division).

Stop Press

"WORKERS MARCH"

BOMBAY, Wednesday: The Bombay Provincial branch of the Socialist Party announced here tonight that it was organising a "workers march" in Bombay on Dec. 18 to register "the protest of labour at the growing unemployment and paucity of accommodation in the province".

Details of the march are expected to be announced by the party on Dec. 4.

TAKE OVER CLOSED MILLS

BOMBAY, Wednesday: The Bombay Provincial National Trade Union Congress has urged the Government of India "to arm itself with wide powers to take over charge of mills and factories which are not working or are not managed satisfactorily".

CATHOLIC TRADE UNIONS

LONDON, Nov. 30 (PTI-Reuter):—The Free World Labour Conference here decided tonight by 46 votes to 8 to invite European Catholic Trade Unions to join the New Trade Union International to be launched next week.

Dockyard Force A Draw

SENIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

B. B. and C. I. Railway "A" were forced to share points with Dockyard "A" when they were held to a draw neither side being able to chalk up any score in their Senior Division encounter at B.P.H.A. League.

Though the Railway team had more of the scoring chances with a major share of the exchanges, still they were unable to shake off the rival defenders. There was another obstacle in the way of the Railway attackers. Borthwick in Dockyard's goal gave another superb display with some first time clearances.

Dockyard though not so very strong, were dangerous on occasions and very nearly came within scoring in the second session. Kenneth and Febour, Ivor Abraham and the speedy Caesar Gomes, tried hard to force their way in and were rather unlucky not to score.

The score board at half time was blank with both sides missing a chance K. Le Febour's left flick just went wide of the post and Kishen Lal of the Railway surprisingly sent in a feeble shot.

In the second period Dockyard were rather unlucky. They had three important scoring chances. Caesar Gomes sent in a fine centre pass across goalmouth, but Martin made sticks missing the ball completely. Caesar Gomes again sent in a difficult angular shot from the top of the semi-circle but it went wide. Then Ivor Abraham kicked the ball into goal after Martin had sent in a feeble shot.

The teams:—DOCKYARD "A":—Borthwick, C. Le Febour, E. Bennett; Paul D'Souza, Patrick D'Souza, G. Pereira; C. Gomes, M. D'Souza, Ivor Abraham, K. Le Febour, T. D'Souza.

B. B. AND C. I. RLY. "A":—Mendonza; Ismail Khan, Jadhav; Agre, Rozario J. Dias; Mullen, Kishen Lal, A. Fernandes, Champaklal, G. Fernandes.

Earlier in the evening in the first division match B.E.S.T. beat Catholic Gymkhana by a solitary goal scored by Faria in the opening session.

SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION HOCKEY

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

In the second division of the B. P. H. A. the league had three matches played at the Bombay Gymkhana Ground and one at the Parsi Cyclists Ground.

Mazagoan Docks scored a lucky win over Greater Bombay Police winning by a solitary goal. J. D'Lima scored the all important goal for the winners.

Then, General Motors scored a easy win over Lever Sports by two goals to nil. Dias and Pires were the goal getters.

Finally, Bombay Gymkhana scored their second successive victory in the division by beating Juvenile S. C. by the odd goal in three. Wilson and Small scored for the Gym. while Bhimrao reduced the margin.

In the only second division Gome played at the Parsi Cyclists Ground, Black Spiders beat B. Parsi Sports Assn. by a solitary goal scored by Pallock.

In the only second division game played earlier, Telephone S. C. beat Ruia College by one goal to nil. Misquitta scored for the winners.

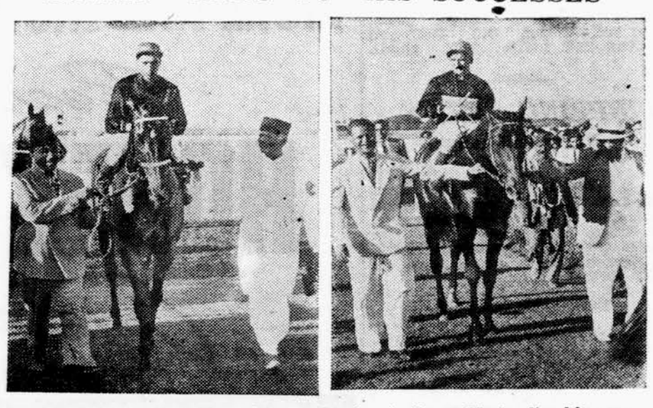
Then St. Xaviers "D" shared two goals with Kurla Spartans. Abbas scored by the College, while Jamdar scored for the Kurla side.

Baroda's Team To Meet Kathiawar

BARODA, Nov. 30, (PTI): The following eleven players will represent Baroda in the second round of the Ranji Trophy match against Kathiawar to be played here from December 2 to 5.

....R. B. Nimbalkar (Captain), Amir Elahi, Vijay Hazare, Gul Mohamed, D. K. Gaekwad, S. K. Vichare, S. Powar, Kadar Sheikh, V. K. Gaekwad, Vivek Hazare, and M. S. Chumble. Twelfth man: S. K. Patkar.

"BALAM" ADDS TO HIS SUCCESSES



"Balam", last year's Derby winner returning to the paddock after his popular success in the Hughes Memorial Plate last Saturday. In the picture on the left he is seen being led in by his owner Mr. Chandulal J. Shah and trainer A. L. J. Talib with Kheemsingh in the saddle. On the right is the Pillay—trained Cocktop who with Duffy in the saddle trounced a class III field to record a smashing victory to annex the Victory Cup on the same day. Cocktop is seen being led in by his trainer S. K. Pillay (left) and his owner Mr. F. Mehta.

A SMASHING RIGHT

Eddie Thomas (left) Merthyr, gets in with a right, during his fight with Henry Hall of Sheffield, at the Harringay arena. Thomas won on points over fifteen rounds—thus taking Hall's British Welterweight Championship title.

LIGHT-TESTING GADGET MAY HELP IN CRICKET

U. S. Invention Would Avoid All Disputes

LONDON, Nov. 27.

A light-testing gadget, invented by the Americans to decide whether the light is fit to carry on with baseball, may prove a boon to the English game of cricket.

The question of whether umpires are right in stopping play owing to the poor state of visibility is often open to dispute. Often, too, players themselves appeal against the light only to have their appeals dismissed.

If, however, the umpires were provided with a special light meter and the M.C.C. would pronounce a reading at which play should automatically cease a lot of dispute would be avoided. The idea of such a meter arose during the final game of last season's world baseball series when it got so dark that the floodlights had to be switched on

There was an immediate discussion as to when was it too dark to play baseball without floodlighting and the idea of a light meter came into being.

The Baseball Commissioner has stated that uniform light intensity standards can be set up and umpires could decide when it was necessary for a game to be ended or, if decided arena lights to be switched on.

FIRST AIR RACES IN INDIA

BOMBAY, Nov. 30. (P.T.I.).

The first Air Races in India organised at Calcutta by the Aero Club of India will be held on February 4, 1950 on the Calcutta Jamshedpur—Asansol-Calcutta route covering over 135 miles circuit, it was learnt here today.

This decision is understood to have been reached at the recent meeting of the club held at New Delhi. The meeting also discussed programmes for holding the air rallies and display at the Barrackpore airport near Calcutta on February 3, 4 and 5.

The club has decided to open an office at Calcutta early in December for making elaborate arrangements for the rally.

BASKET BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Provincial Tournaments Starts On December 3

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Fourteen teams have entered for the Bombay Provincial Basket Ball Championship Tournament which commences on Saturday, December 3rd.

All matches will be played in the Anjuman-I-Islam High School Compound, and Bucks Rules will be followed.

THIRD CONSIONMENT OF RACE HORSES ARRIVES

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A T.W.A. all freight plane arrived at Santa Cruz Aerodrome, Bombay bringing in a cargo of five race horses. This is the third consignment which has been flown in All the animals are in perfect condition.

Of the five horses, one is from Ireland, one from London, and three from Paris, Billet Dosese, Ceylon and Hannac are from France, while Shalzadi is from Ireland and the last from London named Cheveley Lady is a brood mare.

BANGALORE SUB-AREA IN SCORING MOOD

POONA, November 30.

Southern Command Headquarters skippered by Lieut-General Rajendrasinhji, GOC-in-Chief, Southern Command, were in a strong position at the end of the first day's play in the semi-final of the Southern Command cricket tournament against the Jubbulpore Sub-Area.

After collecting 274 runs in their first innings, Southern Command dismissed nine of the Jubbulpore wickets for a paltry 57 runs. Captain Silva, Captain H. R. Adhikari, the test player, and Lieut-Colonel Rajendra Singh were the main scorers for the home team contributing 60, 37, and 58 respectively. Lieut-General Rajendrasinhji collected an attractive 28 runs inclusive of three fours.

SCORES:—

Southern Command 274.

Captain Silva 60, Lieut-Col. Rajendra Singh 58, Captain Adhikari 37, Lieut-General Rajendrasinhji 28, Major Samboo Singh five for 73).

Jubbulpore Sub-Area 57 for 9 (Capt. Mohanlal 60 for 13).

In the other semi-final between Bangalore Sub-Area and Bombay, the former were in a scoring mood and had scored 315 runs for the loss of only two wickets at the close of the first day's play. Second-Lieut. Tandon was unbeaten with a magnificent 115 and Major Ayanna was unlucky to be out when only four runs short of his century.

SCORES:—

Bangalore Sub-area 315 for two. (2/Lieut. Tandon batting 115, Major Ayanna 96).

Both the matches will be continued tomorrow.

DELIGHTFUL TENNIS BY NARESH KUMAR AT DELHI

Shows Remarkable Improvement After Returning From Tour Abroad

NEW DELHI, Nov. 29, (PTI): Some delightful tennis was witnessed today at the Chelmsford Club when three of India's outstanding tennis stars-Naresh Kumar, Balwantsingh and Rama Rao won their respective matches, fairly easily, in the Delhi Lawn Tennis Championships. In all ten matches were decided today.

Naresh Kumar, India's No. 4, showing tremendous improvement since last year, won his first two round matches without any opposition in the singles. Naresh was making his first appearance in a representative tournament here today after his recent tour of England and the United States.

In the first round match Naresh beat Singh in straight sets, conceding only three games. The other victim of Naresh Kumar was Bhatnagar, a Meerut College lecturer, whom he beat in straight sets, dropping a solitary game. Naresh, with his fast spin service, was clearly on top, had good control of the flight of the ball. His service was too much for either Singh or Bhatnagar to cope with. His volleying was excellent and through this he scored most of the winning points.

Another leading player, Rama Rao, entered the quarter-finals of men's singles after winning his third round against Singh, whom he defeated in straight sets, dropping only one game.

Balwantsingh In Semifinal

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30 (PTI): Balwant Singh, an outstanding tennis player, entered the men's single semi-final of the Delhi Tennis Championships here today when he was least troubled to beat Gulshan Pandhi, a Delhi University player, in straight sets dropping only two games.

Narinder and Mrs. Disbrey moved to the penultimate round of the mixed doubles after overcoming stiff opposition from Rama Rao and Mrs. Rodrigues, the score being 6-4, 6-3.

Prem Pandhi, a local outstanding player, won his first round match against Daljit Singh, whom he defeated in straight sets. Pandhi did not play his usual game, but he hit some beautiful cross-court shots, which enabled him to win a number of points. Daljit fought bravely but his opponent, though not showing best of his form, was too good for him.

Results were:

MEN'S SINGLES:

Prem Pandhi beat Daljit Singh 8-6 8-6; Rajeshwar Bali beat R. C. Dhawan 7-5 6-4; M. Caul beat R. N. Sabharwal 6-0 6-1 and C. O. P. Mudaliar 6-0 6-0.

(QUARTER-FINAL): Balwant Singh beat Gulshan Pandhi 6-1 6-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES

M. L. Sondhi and Wazir Chand beat R. K. Madhok and N. Bedi 6-3 1-6 8-6; Hari Kishan and Gupta beat Y. V. L. Rao and Y. V. R. Rao 6-2 6-2; Narinder Nath and Naresh Kumar beat Jaswant Singh and Ajit Nath 6-1 6-0; Daljit Singh and Kayshap beat Bhattacharjee and Slyvam 6-1 6-3.

MIXED DOUBLES

(Quarter-Final): Narinder Nath and Mrs. Disbrey beat N. Ram Rao and Mrs. Rodrigues 6-4 6-3.

MYSORE ASSOCIATION TABLE TENNIS

Last Date For Entries Extended

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The last date for the acceptance of entries to the Mysore Association Open Table Tennis Tournament has been extended upto 7 p.m. of December 2.

The tournament commences on December 3, with the Juniors and Ladies singles first and second rounds.

Delhi Lawn Tennis Office-Bearers

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30.

The Delhi Lawn Tennis Association, at its annual general meeting held here on Monday, elected the following office-bearers for 1949-50:—

Mr. Krishna Prasad (President), Messrs. C. N. Sen, P. L. Nirula, Bharat Ram and Sardar Pratap Singh (Vice-Presidents) Mr. C. B. Lal (Honorary Secretary) Mr. N. Rama Rao (Joint Secretaries) and Mr. Radha Kishan (Treasurer).

PLENTY OF TIME FOR JAPAN'S ADMISSION

British Official In India To Study Development Of Sport

MADRAS, Nov. 29, (PTI).

Sir Eugen Millington-Drake, Vice-President of the Poetry Society, London, who was Chairman of the Reception Committee of the Olympiad in London last year, declined to express an opinion on the question of admitting Japan to the next Olympiad to be held in 1952

Sir Eugen now on a visit to Madras said: "It is a very delicate question. In my opinion it is better that the matter is held in suspense for the present, and brought up after two years by which time the conditions are bound to improve".

As one greatly interested in sports, particularly boxing and rowing, Sir Eugen would study the development in India in the field of sports as well. He expects to be in Calcutta on January 1 for the Tennis Championship finals. Rowing, he said, was an excellent sport to which India should pay greater attention.

Sir Eugen was surprised to hear that recently two local professionals died as a result of injuries received in boxing contests. The best way to avoid such casualties, he said, was to have rigorous medical examination of contestants before a boxing match. The referee should also be given every discretion to stop a fight at any stage of the contest if he found one cobatant was definitely superior to another. In England, he said, people had began to take increasing interest in amateur boxing, because the contestants there go all out for a win without any reservation unlike in professional contests. He expected amateur boxing to develop on similar lines in India also.

SELVARAJ AND JONES REACH SEMIFINAL

All-India Snooker Championship

CALCUTTA, Nov. 30 (PTI): The first two quarter-final round matches of the All India Snooker Championship were decided tonight when T. A Selvaraj of Bangalore and W. Jones of Bombay entered the semi-final, defeating P. K. Deb and L. Grezoux, respectively.

Deb, who took the first frame from Selvaraj, scores being 66-60, could not get going at all after this. His opponent Selvaraj took every advantage of the chances and simply ran away with the match, winning the next three frames. The results were: 68-25, 63-37, and 67-39.

Jones had an easy victory over Grezoux, the qualifying runner-up, by three straight frames. The results were: 58-49, 63-32 and 62-27.

Northern India Lawn Tennis Tournament

NEW DELHI, Nov. 29, (PTI): The Northern India Lawn Tennis Championships will be held here from January 9, it is learnt. The matches will be played at the Irwin Stadium courts.

Besides India's top-ranking players, a number of foreign players are expected to take part in the championships.

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KEROSENE QUANTUM

The values of kerosene units on various ration documents have been fixed for the month of December 1949 as shown below:—

	Per Unit Document	Per Ration gallons
K (L) Card (Lighting purposes)	½	—
K (L) Business Card (Lighting purposes)	—	1
K (H) Card (Non-lighting purposes)	1½	—
K (H) Permit (Non-lighting purposes)	—	3

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SWEET POTATOES

SWEET POTATOES are available to consumers in the Bombay rationed area from all the Government Grain Shops at the rate of Re. 0-1-3 per lb.

BOMBAY UNIVERSITY BEAT OSMANIA 2–1

Hockey Championship Zonal Final

HYDERABAD (Deccan), Nov. 29 (PTI).

BOMBAY University beat Osmania University by two goals to one in the South Zone final of the Inter-University Hockey tournament played on the Osmania University ground this evening.

Martin de Sa, Bombay's outside-left, suffering a knee injury had to retire with only a minute for the final whistle to go.

The game was exciting during its concluding stages. Martin de Sa, who registered the first goal of the evening, always spelt danger to the home team. Bombay's forward line showed greater understanding and led innumerable expeditions to the Osmania team's goal without making any impression on the home team's deep defence Half time saw Bombay leading with one goal to their credit

WASTED 'SITTERS'

Osmania University however exercised more pressure after resumption and took the offensive. Their forwards led by Salaam (inside-left) carried the game to Bombay's territory and beat their backs and the goal-keeper more than once, but threw away several "sitters." Seventeen minutes after resumption Mendonza (centre-forward) increased Bombay's lead.

The home team maintained pressure and with only four minutes for the game to end reduced the margin through Salaam. Last minute efforts of the home team to force a draw was futile, and the end of the game left Bombay winners by two goals to one.

The following are the teams:

BOMBAY: Keki Modi, S. Alwa, G De Souza, P. Motiwalla, H. Dias, K Muzaffar; A. Fernandez, J. Alfonso, A Mendonza, G. Williams and M. De Sa

OSMANIA: Khadir, Yusuf and Shajuddin, Ghani, Fazluddin and Mohammed Hussain; Niranjavelu, Mohiddin Ali Khan, Faratullah Quereshi, Salaam and Ibrahim Ali.

TATA DEFERREDS REACT AFTER EARLY ADVANCE

Cotton Mill Shares Fairly Steady

BOMBAY, Nov. 30.

The Bombay Stock Exchange displayed firmer tendency with increased buying during the early part of the session and quotations registered moderate gains. However the rise attracted moderate realising and a portion of the improvement was lost in subsequent trading. As mentioned before the market feeling remains bullish and the grinding rise is inducing more support on all recessions. Outside participation is increasing.

There was considerable activity in Steel sections. It is said that holders of Tata Steel Defd. Shares would be offered better ratio than previously expressed of one to four ordinary shares. This belief is mainly responsible for increased buying in Tata Steel Defd. Shares which opened today at Rs. 1425 and moved up at Rs. 1440 on increased buying and short covering. Later the market reacted at Rs. 1425 on profit-taking sales. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 296 and after advancing at Rs. 299 declined at Rs. 295 showing a ratio of 4-9. Indian Irons opened at Rs. 28/14 and sharply advanced at Rs. 30/- but reacted at Rs. 29/5.

Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs 1042/8 and after advancing at Rs. 1052/8 declined at Rs. 1037/8. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 282 and steadied at Rs. 280. Nagpurs opened at Rs. 241 and improved at Rs. 243. Svadeshi Mill Shares were done at Rs. 269 while Scindias were placed at Rs. 13/9.

Towards the close there was mixed business Tata Steel Defds. were quoted at Rs. 1427/8 and Ordinary Shares were done at Rs. 296. Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 1036/4 and Scindias were placed at Rs. 13/7.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES	
Bombay Dyeing (10-8)	1040 0
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	281 0
Svadeshi Mills (12-4)	270 0
Central India Mills (6)	243 0
Simplex Mills (6-6)	182 8
New Great Eastern (8)	141 0
Indore (8-3)	121 4
Gokak Mills (12)	257 8
Century Spinning (15)	233 12
Swan Mills (20)	304 0
Indian Bleaching (6)	137 0
Finlay Mills (15)	257 0
Morarji Gokuldas (S)	455 0
Edward Sassoon (30)	226 4
Mever (12)	107 8
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 11
India United Ord. (0-13-0)	11 7
India United Defd. (0-2-6)	1 13
Madhusudan Mills (15)	175 0
Podar (S)	131 4
Khatau Makanji (5)	171 0
Svadeshi Coupon	65 8
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	296 0
Tata Steel Defd. (64-13)	1430 0
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	138 4
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (6)	145 4
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8)	336 4
Belapur Sugar (9)	205 0
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	13 8
Scindia Steam (0-8)	13 7
Premier Construction	85 8
Tata Chemical	12 2
Tata Oil (2)	49 12
Indian Iron (0-12)	29 8
Bengal Steel (0-12)	21 14
British Indian Corp. (0-9)	8 11 6
Indian Copper	2 5 9
Wimco	195 0
Alcock	247 8
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Power (6) XD	1470 0
Andhra Valley (30) XD	1401 4
Tata Hydro (3) XD	151 0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	55 0
Phoenix (50)	136 4
Indian Mfg.	2910 0
Kurla XD	118 12
Colaba (12)	116 4
New City (1)	160 0
Minerva (12)	137 8
Bradbury	472 8
Bharucha Deft. (0-4)	5 0
Bharat Mills (8)	30 0
Mysore (4)	164 8
Model Mills (12-3)	177 8
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	697 8
Vishnu Cotton	223 12
Western India (40)	2925 0
Standard (15)	223 12
Sholapur Mills (200)	2860 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	15 0
Hindustan Mills. (40)	4000 0
Tata Mills (2-3)	50 0
Ahmedabad Advance	232 12
New Ahmedabad	195 0
Sassoon Silk (3) XD	32 0
New Union Mills (0-8)	15 14
Madhusudan S (2-8)	35 0
Shrinivas Mills (S)	162 8
Raja Bahadur (4)	62 0
Berar Mills	250 0
Victoria Mills	225 0
ELECTRIC (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (1-9)	123 12
Ahmedabad New	73 0
Surat Electric (2-8)	125 0
Karachi Electric (2)	136 14
Broach (0-5)	6 12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 6
Amalgamated (0-12)	12 4
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26 8
Poona Electricity Supply (S)	135 10
Bombay Suburban XR	146 4
Bombay Suburban New	85 0
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India (35) XD	1730 0
Imperial Bank P. (8-12)	427 8
Central Bank (1-8)	77 12
Central Bank New (8)	79 0
Bank of India (4) XD	167 0
Union (0-3)	7 0
Baroda	115 0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	40 0
United Commercial (8)	44 8
Jaipur Bank (1-5)	35 8
Hindustan Commercial	17 0
Mysore Bank (8)	205 0
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	94 0
INSURANCE SHARES	
Oriental (125)	4250
Empire (10)	541 4
New India (1-8)	56 8
Jupiter (0-12)	12 5
Vulcan (00-10)	11 13
Indian Mercantile (2)	36 8
Universal (0-4)	11 4
B.I.G. (1)	14 14
Industrial and Prudential	26 8
Neptune	7 0
New Great	25 0
All India General	14 0
RAILWAY SHARES	
G.P. (1-14) XD	114 8
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Steamer (10)	220 0
Bombay Burma New (5)	122 8
Burma Petrol	1-7-3
Mackenzie (6)	65 0
Port Canning (3)	60 0
Kemp and Co. (30)	373 12
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	125 0
Industrial Invest Trust (3-12)	84 8
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	38 12
Mukund Iron	13 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	16 0
Alembic (15)	150 0
Supreme Industries	72 8
Bombay Uganda	67 8
Bombay Motor Cycle	28 0
Indian Cement (1937)	171 4
Walchand Nagar Industries (B. S.)	131 4
United Motor	28 0
Associated Cement New (2)	136 4
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	880 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahmadi Steam	96 0
Sardar Carbonic X.D.	700 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Gujarat Motor	28 0
Estrella Batteries	32 2
Manmad Press	120 0
National Rayon	56 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	195 0
Andhra Valley (7)	1230 0
Tata Power (7-8)	1305 0
Hydro Electric (7)	128 0
Bombay Steamer (6)	23[illegible]
Central India (5)	655 0
Swadeshi Mills	127 8
Vishnu Mills (7)	645 0
Lakshmi Mills	260 0
Khatau	100 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	220 0
Podar Mills (4)	105 10
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	105 10
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	316 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	130 0
Pre. Construction First	103 0
Pre. Construction 2nd Pref.	97 8
Amalgamated	115 0
Habib	72 9
Tata Chemical	118 12
Walchandnager	130 0
Jupiter	19 14
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	110 0
Mackenzie (1st)	85 0
Mackenzie (2)	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	132 8
Mysore Mill	50 0
Standard	99 0
Madhusudan	12 0
Khatau	100 12
Morarji	94 8
National Rayon	74 8
Andhra 1952	103 8
Gula Kajamsingh	8 9
Rubber Planting	17 0
Bombay Steamer	97 0
Indian Hume Pipe	101 0
Tata Power 1951	103 0
Walchandnagar	105 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 9
New Victoria	2 0
New Victoria 2 (Pref.)	4 4
Palton (8)	115 0
Gold Mohor	310 0
New Kaiser Hind	305 0
Sajjan Mills	155 0
Osmanshahi (16)	240 0
Azamshahi	270 0
Air Services	3 11
Air India Tata	60 0
Hind Motors	4 14
India Steam	7 12

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Nov. 30.

The local Bullion market was quiet today on unloading by professional Bull operators.

It was also rumoured in the market that the Bank would resume sales of gold.

Magsar delivery Silver opened at Rs. 174 and advanced at Rs. 174/4 under scattered buying. At this level there was increased selling by professional bull operators and the market declined at Rs. 172/12. The Reserve Bank sold 200 bars Silver today at Rs. 173/13. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 172/6.

Magsar delivery Gold opened at Rs. 114/2 and declined at Rs. 113/8. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 114/4 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 76.

Later on there was further unloading by professional bulls and the market declined at Rs. 171/2 for Magsar Silver. The control of the market has now passed into the hands of these manipulators and final quotations were as under:—

Ready Silver	170 12 0
Magsar delivery	171 2 0
Ready Gold	113 12 0
Magsar delivery	113 6 0

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Nov. 30.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98 13 0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100 4 0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99 11 0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96 6 0
2 1/2 per cent 1960	99 6 0
2 3/4 per cent. 1962	99 1 0
2 3/4 per cent 1973	96 0 0
3 per cent Con.	97 11 0
3 per cent 1951-54	101 14 0
3 per cent 1952-55	102 0 0
3 per cent 1957	101 12 0
3 per cent 1959-61	101 3 0
3 per cent 1963-65	100 11 0
3 per cent 1966-68	100 6 0
3 per cent 1970-75	100 2 0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104 4 0
3 1/2 per cent 1960-70	110 4 0
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	102 0 0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-60	110 8 0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-66	113 0 0
PROVINCIAL LOANS	
3 per cent Bombay 1962	99 4 0
2 3/4 per cent C.P. 1961	97 1 0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	97 1 0
3 per cent Bombay 1.955	100 8 0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100 4 0
3 per cent Punjab 1952	99 0 0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100 6 0
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100 6 0
3 per cent C. P. 1952	100 6 0
3 per cent N.W.F 1952	98 2 0
3 per cent U. P. 1961-68	99 12 0
3 1/4 per cent Municipal 1977	99 0 0
4 per cent B.P.T long dated	109 12 0
4 per cent Bombay Muni	109 8 0
5 p.c Bombay Muni 1959	114 0 0
6 per cent Bom. Municipality 1954	113 8 0
6 per cent K. P. T. 1956	113 12 0

ART SILK YARN

BOMBAY, Nov. 30

120 Ready Japan	4 2 6
150 Ready Japan	4 1 0
120 Ready Italy	4 1 0
150 Ready Italy	4 2 6
150 D. Box Nov.	822 0 0
150 D. Box Dec.	828 0 0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton May delivery is 1334 cent points below New York May Contract.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, Nov 29.

KARNAK	Jan	73.10—100
	Mar.	72.25— 70
	May	71.75+ 15
ASHMOUNI	Dec	68.65—105
	Feb	67 82— 88
	Apr.	66.45— 80

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, Nov. 30.

Tata Ordinary 296 Tata Deferred 1430 Indian Iron 29-8 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 21-14 Bombay Dyeing 1040 Central India 243-12 Gokak 257-8 Kohinoor 281-4 Simplex 182-8 Swadeshi 270 Tata Power 1470 Associated Cement 145-10 Belapur 205 Bombay Burma (Old) 336-4 Scindia 13-7 Central Bank 77-12 New India 56-8 Tata 2nd Pref. 138-4.

AMSTERDAM STOCK EXCHANGE

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 29.

BOURSE:

The Bourse today showed a slightly better undertone for the first time in many days. Plantations recovered some of their recent sharp losses and internationals were well maintained Royal Dutch, However, continued depressed.

PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, Nov. 30.

The local Produce market was fairly steady with improved demand for Groundnuts. Linseed and Castorseeds were also steady. Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS:—	
Quality Receipts .... Rs.	36 4 0
Bold Ready	35 0 0
Bold January	34 14 0
Bold December	34 14 0
Oil Bombay Mills	21 0 0
Oil Upcountry Mills	20 14 0
Oil December	20 0 0
Oil January	19 11 0
LINSEED:—	
Indore	34 12 0
Bold	34 10 0
February-March	32 4 0
Small	33 12 0
Oil	20 12 0
CASTORSEED:—	
Spot	24 2 0
January Delivery	24 4 0

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Nov. 30.

B C Rates T T D D 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T. T D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying D D. 1/6 3/32 5th & 6th Month.

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/8 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 5th & 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th & 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th—9th Month.

New York B. C. Rate T. T. Rs 478 1/4. Montreal Rs. 435.

Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 478 1/4. Montreal Rs. 435.

Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 475 Montreal Rs 431 3/4.

Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 472 1/2 Montreal Rs. 429 3/4.

Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 473 3/4 L/C., Montreal Rs. 430 1/2 L/C.

Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 7250

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 7500.

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fl. 79.

Switzerland Banks Selling T. T D. D. Fcs. 90 1/4.

Belgium Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fcs. 1033.

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Glds. 79.

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T D. D. Rs. 83 1/2.

Singapore Banks Selling T. T D. D. Rs. 156 1/2.

Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 238 1/2.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8 to 2.80 1/8. London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. not quoted London/Alexandria Cross Rate Pia. 97 1/4-3/4. London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.63-65. London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl. 35. London Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 139.90-140.10. London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr 19.32-36 London Hongkong Cross Rate 1/2 27/32-1/2 15/16. London/Iran Cross Rate Rl. 90.20 London Java Cross Rate Fl 10.63-65. London/Karachi Cross Rate 2/1-84-2/1.94 London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es 80.35 London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 5.60-5.65 London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 3.07-3/4-3.08 1/4 London New York Cross Rate $2.79 7/8-2.80 1/8. London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02 London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 979-981 London/Prague Cross Rate K. 141 London Singapore Cross Rate 2/4-2/4 1/8 London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50, London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 12.23-12.26.

London Discts 3 Mos 5/8 p.c

London Discts 6 Mos 3/4 p.c.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money: Call 3/4 per cent. 3 Mos. 1 per cent, 6 Mos. 1-1/4 per cent, 12 Mos 1-1/2 per cent.

Tone: Easy.

PARIS STOCK EXCHANGE

PARIS, Nov. 29.

BOURSE:

Continued absence of public participation, endmonth selling, and political considerations all combined to send domestic quotations on the bourse lower although French Pentes were maintained. Some internationals were even harder hit. Mexican Eagles, Kaffirs and Coppers, Except Rhodesian copper, lost substantial ground. Argentines also declined and Suez was subjected to profit-taking.

BRUSSELS STOCK EXCHANGE

BRUSSELS, Nov. 29.

BOURSE:

Dealings on the Bourse were quiet with a generally steady tone throughout the market. Coals were firm and occasionally strong. Constructional issues were favourably influenced by official news of the forthcoming big public works projects.

LONDON STOCKS

London, Nov. 29.

	£
2-1/2 p.c British Consols	73
3-1/2 p.c. Conversion Loan 1961	94-5/8
4 p.c. Funding Loan 1960/90	107
3-1/2 p.c. War Loan on or after Dec. 1st 1952	93-5/8
Chartered Bank of India	9-11/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	88
National Bank of India	32-1/2

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 6,102.

LONDON BULLION

London, Nov. 29.

London: Silver Spot and Forward 64 d. Gold Bars Fine per oz. £12-8-0.

LONDON WHEAT

London, Nov. 29

Australian Wheat 128 Dec.-Jan.

DROP OF 4 CRORES IN NOTES IN CIRCULATION

Weekly Statement Of Reserve Bank

The following is an account of the Reserve Bank of India for the week ended the 25th day of November:—

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES

	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	34,04 46,000
Notes in circulation	1075,39,13,000
Total Notes issued	1109,43,59,000
Total Liabilities	1109,43,59,000

ASSETS

	Rs.
Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
Held in India	40,01,71,000
Foreign Securities	600,34,38,000
Rupee Coin	53,84,75,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	415,22,75,000
Total Assets	1109,43,59,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 57.720 per cent.

BANKING DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES

	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government	137,84,65,000
(2) Other Governments	23,61,16,000
(b) Banks	82,96,46,000
(c) Others	63,81,23,000
Bills Payable	6,09,12,000
Other Liabilities	7,43,58,000
Total Rs.	331,76,20,000

ASSETS

	Rs.
Notes	34,04,46,000
Rupee Coin	15,17,000
Subsidiary Coin	2,02,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
Internal	25,18,000
Government Treasury Bills	1,16,15,000
Balances held abroad	191,76,11,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	5,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	7,56,46,000
Investments	93,09,99,000
Other Assets	3,65,66,000
Total Rs.	331,76,20,000

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, Nov. 30, (PTI-Reuter): The market showed an allround improvement today especially Indian Iron and jute shares while others remained more or less unchanged.

Following are today's final transactions upto 3-00 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent Govt. Paper 97/12; Three per cent loan 1986 97/11; Three per cent loan 1951/54 101/14 S Lot.

BANKS: Hind 29/12; Hindustan Commercial 20/12; Hindustan Mercantile 19/12; Punjab National 26/12 CT.

COTTONS: Cawnpore Textiles 9/11; Kesoram 15/- Exdiv. Mahalaxmi 1/10; New Victoria 2/1.

COALS: Bengal 492/-; Bharat Colliery 7/-; Bulanbararee 10/-; Central 4/10; Talcher 3/1.

JUTES: Anglo-India 194/- Barnagore 207/-; Budge Budge 157; Delta 207/-; Fort Gloster 342/-; Gourpore 496/-; Howrah 26/11; Kamarhatty 230/-; Kanknarrah 150/-; Kinnison 172/-; Megna 131/-; Nuddea 70/-; Presidency 5/9.

ENGINEERINGS: Arthur Butler 12/-; Indian Iron 29/9; Jessop and Co. 14/2; Kumardhubi Eng. 8/-; Saran Eng. 8/5; Steel Corp. 21/14; Textile Machinery 7/7.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corp. 2/8; Consolidated Tin annas fourteen Indian Copper 2/6; Tavoy Tin annas ten; Sone Valley Cement 5/2; Alkali and Chemical 9/13; Calcutta Electric 16/-; Angelo Bros. 23/12; Bharat Airways 3/2; BIC 8/11; Indian Alluminium 134/-; Indian Cables 41/4; Jardine Henderson 139/-; Martin Burn 15/8; National Tobacco 18/10; British Burma Petrol 1/5; Titaghur Paper 35/-; Midnapore Zemindary 62/-; India Steamship 7/10.

SUGARS: Carew and Co. 9/8; Darbhanga 10/8; Ramnugger cane 13/6.

TEAS: Hattikhira 12/4; Margaret's Hope 7/6; Moheem 4/6; Rydak 50/12.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Nov. 30.

With profit taking at a higher level the market observed a set back and closed with some weak tone.

Fluctuations: Calico opened 269; Highest 269/12, Lowest 267/4; Arvind opened 748, highest 754, lowest 744. Ambica opened 344, lowest 339. Defferred opened 1430, highest 1440, lowest 1420.

Closing quotations: Calico 267/4, Arvind 745, Ambica 340, Defferred 1420. Atul 35/8, Vijay 42/0, Nutan 425/8.

SHIPPING NEWS

EXPECTED TO ARRIVE

BOMBAY, Nov. 30.

T. S. S. JAL-JAWAHAR from U. K. Continent with passengers and general cargo on 2nd December 1948. Capt. Taylor (Scindia).

STAR OF CAIRO from Alexandria via Karachi with cotton due on 8-12-49 (Scindia).

EXPECTED TO SAIL

T. S. S. JAL-AZAD for U. K. Continent with passengers, mails and general cargo on 3rd December 1949. Capt. R. R. Memery (Scindia).

N. Y. SILVER SALES

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.

New York silver turnover approximated 75,000 ounces at unchanged level today.

NEW CROP COTTON MONTHS RELATIVELY SLUGGISH

Wall Street Barely Steady, Awaiting Coal Strike Development

NEW YORK, 29, (PTI-Reuter:

COTTON: The market opened steady then fluctuated narrowly awaiting mid November parity price and export developments. Meanwhile tradehouses absorbed modest hedges with leading spothouses operating on both sides of the market. Bullish textile news and loan influences continue the chief sustaining factors. Operations latterly were featured by tradebuying and meagre hedges. On the otherhand newcrops were relatively sluggish attributed to uncertainties regarding the parity price. The session closed steady with sales placed at 90,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Nov. 29

December	29.89+03
March	29.89—03
May	29.84—01
July	29.56—01
October	28.09—09
Middling Spot	30.58+05

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

December	29.83+01
March	29.87—01
May	29.80—03
July	29.46—04
Middling Spot	29.55—

New York Cotton March: Highest 29.92 at 10-02 hours, Lowest 29.88 at 14.19 hours

WALL STREET MARKET

STOCKS: Further corrective profittaking and tax selling continued to meet rather indifferent response and the market sagged further in limited trading. Irregularly lower tendencies mostly of fractions prevailed. Numerous buyers continued to limit commitments due to the uncertain coal outlook after the truce ends tomorrow. The averages were Industrials 191.39 and rails 47.67. In the afternoon the market gave a mixed response additional dividend actions occasionally enlivened the preceedings as the main body reduced part of its earlier on balance loss The session closed barely steady Allied chemical declined four dollars to 200 on very light sales.

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, Nov. 29.

American Telephone and Telegraph	147
Amerex Holding Co.	31-1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining	28-1/8
Chase National Bank	34-5/8
Firestone Tyre	48-1/4
General Electric	40
General Motors	65-5/8
Ingersol Rand	65
International Nickel of Canada "A"	26-7/8
National City Bank of New Rork	42-1/4
New Yorg Central Rail Road	10
Sinclair Corporation	22-1/2
Socony Vacuum Corporation	16-3/8
Texas Corporation	61-3/4
Union Carbide	42
U. S. Smelting and Refining	36-3/4
U. S Steel Common	24-1/2
Western Union	17-1/8

Volume of business on the New York Stock Exchange was 1,310,000 shares.

Highest and Lowest U. S. Steel trading prices were 24-5/8 and 24-3/8 respectively.

CHICAGO

GRAINS: Grains advanced under the leadership of wheat on buying by commercial interests and shortcovering based on continued limited arrivals of grains at the terminal markets and firmness of cash values. Advances, however continued to attract profittaking and scattered nedges. Meanwhile export business overnight was limited to 100,000 bushels soyabeans to denmark for December shipments.

CHICAGO WHEAT

December	2.18-7/8
March	2.19-1/8
May	2.14-1/8
July	1.96-1/8

NEW YORK PEPPER EASIER

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.

The Pepper Market was easier with spots offered at 1.26 dollars. Today's prices are as follows: Black Pepper Spot 1.26 asked. December 1.22, January, 1.26 March 1.17, May 1.12, July 1.08 (all prices nominal) September 1.02 bid October 1.00 bid. White Pepper Spot 2.50 asked.

LONDON PEPPER QUIET

LONDON, Nov. 29

The pepper market was quiet and with buyers reticent, values had an easier trend although Malabar was not definitely offered. Black Lampong November shipment was quoted at 10sh. 9d. with white Muntok and Sarawak held for 17sh per pound c.i.f. basis ports. Malabar afloat was quoted nominally at 1,200 shillings with December at 950 shillings and January 935 shillings per cwt c.i.f. United Kingdom.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Nov. 30.

MILLS

Apollo 2-11-3 2-11.
Bharat 30.
B. Dyeing 1042-8 55 38-12 40
Bradbury Ord. 472-8.
C. India 242 45 42-8 43.
Century 233-12.
Colaba 115 18-8 16-4.
E. Textiles 226-4.
Elphinstone Ord. 55.
Finlay 257-8 57.
Gokak 258 60 56-8 57-8.
I. U. Defd. 1-13 1-12 1-13.
I. U. Ord. 11-7 11-7-6 11-6 11-7.
Indore 118-12 21-4 20 21-4.
Kohinoor 282 82-8 81 83-8 80 81-8 80-4 81.
Laxmi 697-8,
Meyer 108-12 7-8.
Madhusudan 173-12 75.
Model 175 77-8.
New Great 141-8 41.
Podar 131-4.
Simplex 183 85 82-8.
Svadeshi 270 72 68-8 69-8 69 70.
Swan 304.
Tata Mills 49-8 50.
Vishnu 223-12.
C. P. Rly. 114-8.

STEAMER

B. Steam 225 20.
Scindia 13-9 13-11-6 13-7.

BANKS

Central 77-8 77-12.
Central New 79.
Imperial Old 1730.
India 167.
Union 7-4 7-2 7 7-1.
U. Commercial 45 44-8.

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 123-2 23-12
Andhra Pref. 1235
Suburban 145 46-4
Surat 125
Hydro 151-8 51
Power 1470

INSURANCE

B. I. G. 14-14
New India 56-8
I. Mercantile 36-8

STEEL

B. Steel 21-13 22-8 22 22-2 21-14
I. Iron 29-2 30-4 29-7 29-8
Tata Defd 1430 28-12 45 20 30 26-4 30
Tata Ord 296 99-8 95 96
Tata IInd Pref 138 38-4

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 247-8 48-12 47-8
A. C. C. 145 46-8 45 45-4
Belapur 207 5
B. B. Old 333-12 38-12 36-4 36-14 36-4
B. B. Petrol 1-7 1-7-3
B. I. C. 8-11 8-12 8-11-6
I. Bleaching 136 38 37
Dharamsey 38-12
I. Copper 2-6 2-5-6 2-5-9
I. I. Trust 83
Kemp 375 76-4 73-12
P. Const. 87-8 85 85-8
Shivrajpur 33 33-8
Tata Chem. 11-4 12-4 12-2
Tata Oil 49-8 49-12
Wimco 195

SPECIAL

Svadeshi Coupon 65-8 66-8 65-8

MORE AND MORE POPULAR

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THOMAS BEAR & SONS. LONDON

PLEASE STAY IN FRENCH UNION

KARIKAL, Nov. 30 (PTI):—Pamphlets appealing to the French Indian Settlements to remain in the French Union have been distributed throughout Karikal.

The pamphlets which were printed in English, French and Tamil stated that this was necessary for their prosperity".

NEED FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

Malik On Indo-French Relations

PARIS, Nov. 30. (PTI-Reuter): Sardar H. S. Malik, India's first ambassador to France spoke of the need of "a real understanding between French and India for the solution of international problems" before leaving Paris for London today on his way back to Delhi. He is to have his first home leave in two and a half years.

On the political side, Sardar Malik said, some problems are still unsettled. (The referendum to determine the future of French possessions in India, due mid-December, has been postponed for two months).

"I feel sure difficulties that may arise in execution of these policies will be overcome because I find among senior officials a genuine realism and consciousness of the importance of a real understanding between France and India for the solution of much more important international problems that are likely to come up", he added.

Sardar Malik plans to be in Delhi on Saturday.

U.S. WANTS INDIA TO BE FREE & STABLE

No Dominating Motive, Says Lippman

MADRAS, Nov. 30 (PTI): Mr. Walter Lippman, American Columnist, said here today that in America's new relationship with India, people should not consider that America had any dominating motive either economically or financially to treat India or her neighbours as a colonial area.

Addressing a luncheon meeting at the Y.W.C.A., Mr. Lippman said: "The only economic and political interest Americans have in India is that India should be free, stable and prosperous and in so far as it does that, we shall feel that our own interests in India have been promoted".

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PREREQUISITE FOR ANDHRA PROVINCE

Delhi Asks For Agreed Formula On Partition Matters

MADRAS, Nov. 30 (PTI)

THE Government of India will take steps for the actual formation of the Andhra Province only if an agreed formula on partition matters is evolved by the Madras Government and the concerned parties.

A categorical statement to this effect has been made by the Central Government in their recent communication to the Madras Government on the subject, a Ministerial source revealed here today.

According to the source the Government of India's "detailed document" seeks "unambiguous views" on a number of issues including the capital, administrative set-up and financial assets and liabilities of the proposed Andhra Province.

The source doubted whether the new Province could be ushered in on or before Jan. 26, in view of the complex issues awaiting solution.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION

On the question of boundaries the Central Government have envisaged a Commission to demarcate clearly the exact boundaries of the 12 undisputed Telugu districts including the four taluks of the Bellary District

The question has also been raised whether the non-Telugu taluks of Bellary, where Canarese is the spoken language, could or could not be merged with the Bombay Province. These five taluks are not contiguous to the residuary Province of Madras, but lie on the border of the Bombay Province.

The Government of India's communication is also understood to have sought "agreed and unambiguous" proposals on the following points:

(1) Whether there should be upper houses for the Andhra and the residuary Province of Madras.

(2) Whether the Governor of Madras should be a common Governor for both or there should be separate Governors.

(3) Whether the High Court and Public Services Commission could be common for some time.

SECRETARIAL LEVEL TALKS

A conference on secretarial level was held here today when, it is understood, administrative matters incidental to the partition of the Province were considered. These matters will be further considered by the provincial Cabinet on Dec. 6.

As indicated already the Cabinet will set up a Committee of the Representatives of the Madras Legislature including Ministers to work out details for the separation. The Provincial Government will forward the Committee's decisions with their modifications, if any, to the Government of India for further action in regard to the formation of the Andhra Province.

DOCTORATE FOR J. N. CHAUDHURY

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Nov. 30 (PTI): A special convocation of the Osmania University will be held tomorrow morning to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) on Major General J. N. Chaudhury Military Governor of Hyderabad.

HIS BATTLE!

"The States Ministry employed me for the police action against Hyderabad, but all these 14 months I have been fighting with the States Ministry for Hyderabad" said Major General Choudhari speaking at the Rotary Club function this evening.

VELLODI AS CHIEF MINISTER

Nizam Issues Firman

SECUNDERABAD, Nov. 30. (UPI): As the Military Governor, Major General J. N. Chaudhari, was called off by the General Office Commanding in Chief Southern Army from December 1, the Nizam has appointed a Council of Ministers, with Mr. M. K. Vellodi, as the Chief Minister.

The Nizam's firman issued in this connection says:

"I hereby appoint Mr. M. K. Vellodi, C.I.E.,I.C.S. to be my Chief Minister and the following gentlemen namely:—1. Mr. D. S. Bakhle, O. B. E. (I.C.S.), 2. Nawab Zain Yar Jung Bahadur, 3. Raja Dhondiraj Bahadur, 4. Rajasevaprasakta M. Heshadri, 5. Mr. C. V. S. Rao, 6. Mr. P. H. Krishna Rao, to be members of my Council of Ministers.

"I further direct that all the powers of administration, including powers of legislation, vested in the Military Governor before the said date shall as from the said date be exercisable by the Chief Minister"

Hyderabad's Constituent Assembly

SECUNDERABAD, Nov. 30, (UPI): The Hyderabad Constituent Assembly is to consist of 200 members elected by 137 constituencies out of whom 36 seats are reserved for Harijans, 26 for Muslims and three for tribes. The distribution has been made on the basis of population. The seats allotted to the various constituencies and the distribution of the reserved seats have been announced by the Military Governor.

CONGRESS M.L.A. JOINS SOCIALISTS

JULLUNDUR, Nov. 29 (PTI): Babu Bachan Singh, M.L.A., East Punjab Government formerly Chief Parliamentary Secretary to the Sachar Cabinet, has joined the Socialist Party.

He told the press today giving reasons for joining the Socialist Party that since the day India became independent administration of the province was being conducted in a manner which was giving bad name to the Congress Party. The Party itself had thrown overboard all the principles of Gandhi, he added.

Improve Lot Of Workers

DEMAND AT WORLD LABOUR MEETING

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Nov. 30: Delegates from British colonies asked the World Labour Conference now meeting in London to take quick action in improving the lot of native workers. The Cyprus delegate appealed for help in freeing the workers from the British yoke. The British Guiana delegate wanted more practical international help in raising wages and reducing working hours of workers in Colong.

WOMAN M. P.'s THREAT TO OXFORD STUDENTS

OXFORD (IPS): Irritated by continued hecklings by the Oxford Undergraduates, Mrs. E. M. Braddock, Labour M. P. issued a threat and a warning to them. She shouted:

"It would not be a bad idea to close down all the universities for 12 months and put you all down the pits".

An undergraduate replied: "What would the Unions say"?

"Later, after further exchanges, Mrs. Braddock said: "I have just been baiting".

TRAINING WORKERS FOR FARM LABOUR

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30 (PTI): The Working Committee of the Hindustan Mazdooor Sevak Sangh at a meeting held under the presidentship of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel today decided to train over 200 workers for organising agricultural labour in rural areas of the country.

THE MESSAGE OF THE MAHATMA

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30 (UPI): Some Pacifists are understood to have suggested a peace broadcast to the world from Mahatma Gandhi's Sevagram hut, on the night of December 25 the Christmas Day.

This suggestion is expected to come up for decision at the first sitting of the World Pacifist Conference meeting from tomorrow at Shantiniketan.

SURCHARGE IN BOMBAY PORT

British Shippers Also To Suspend?

LONDON, Nov. 30, (PTI-Reuter): The United Kingdom-Continental-Bombay Shipping Lines are expected within 48 hours to follow the American lines in suspending the surcharge of 25 per cent levied on freight to Bombay because of delays caused by traffic congestion in the port.

For a fortnight, twelve great shipping lines—British, Indian, French, Belgian, Norwegian and Swedish—have been conferring by cable on whether improved traffic conditions in Bombay Port justified suspension or cancellation of the surcharge.

News was received today that the American lines—the first to impose the surcharge in October of last year—had decided to suspend it for 90 days from tomorrow.

The European lines were slower in imposing the surcharge, believing that the congestion in Bombay might be remedied.

When it was not, they followed the American lead.

Meanwhile there has been a considerable improvement in the turnround of ships, and this has been drawn to the attention of the American and European lines by the Government of India.

The indications here are that the European Conference will once more follow the American lead and suspend the surcharge.

A decision to this effect is expected by Friday afternoon.

Pope's Broadcast On Dec. 23

VATICAN CITY, Nov. 29 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The Pope's Christmas eve broadcast to the world has been put forward this year to December 23 because the following day he will open the holy door of Saint Peters Basilica—symbolic opening of the holy year 1950.

PAKISTAN GRABS WOMEN'S ORNAMENTS

Outrageous Phase Of Order On "Evacuee Property"

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, Nov. 30: Yet another phase has been reached in the taking over of evacuee property in Pakistan whereby gold and silver ornaments worn by Hindu women including their signs of 'Suhag' have been taken possession of as 'evacuee property'.

It is reported that a party of Hindus from Khairpur Mirs, headed by Seth Kessumal, left by special truck for Karachi to catch a ship from there to India. At the time of the departure of the bus, the Police carried out their usual search of these intending evacuees, but did not object to the gold and silver ornaments worn by the womenfolk. Later on however the matter came to the notice of the Deputy Custodian who it is learnt, immediately issued instructions to the Police to take possession of the ornaments on the ground that these Hindus had converted all their gold and silver into ornaments and put it on the bodies on their womenfolk.

While these Hindus were about to embark the police got the telegram and re-searched all their luggage and persons although the Customs officials had already completed their usual search. All of them, men and women, then compelled to take out the ornaments worn by them and even the smallest piece of jewellery including the 'Suhag' worn by the women were taken possession by the Police. In this way, a total of 105 tolas of gold and 222 tolas of silver ornaments were taken possession by the police as 'evacuee property'.

Pandit Nehru To Attend Pacifists' Conference

WARDHA, Nov. 30. (PTI): Prime Minister Pandit Nehru is expected to attend and address the final sittings of the World Pacifist Conference which will be held at Sevagram and Wardha from December 24 and would continue upto December 31.

Apart from the delegates to the Conference, prominent associates of Mahatma Gandhi will attend.

RED HARASSMENT OF U. S. CONSUL

Britain To Protest

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. (PTI-Reuter): State Department officials said here today that Britain and about 20 other countries had agreed to protest to the Chinese Communists on the treatment of American Consul-General at Mukden, Mr. Angus Ward, and his staff.

Several nations had already acted, the officials said.

POLICE TERROR IN NIGERIA

Czech T. U. C. Protest To Britain

PRAGUE, Nov. 30, (P.T.I.-Reuter): The Central Council of the Czechoslovak Trade Unions has protested to Britain against alleged "racial discrimination and police terror" in Nigeria, scene of recent demonstrations by striking miners and riots.

In a telegram to the British Colonial Office, the Czech Trade Unions declared "on behalf of 3,000,000 working peoples of Czechoslovakia, organised in trade unions we protest against racial discrimination and police terror unleashed against miners in Nigeria.

"The shooting of workers striking for a modest demand of minimum wages, which would save them from starvation, has created horror and bitterness in the ranks of our working people".

DR. KHARE ELECTED SABHA PRESIDENT

CALCUTTA, Nov. 30. (PTI): The Reception Committee of the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha at a meeting here today finally elected Dr. N. B. Khare as President of the 28th session of the Sabha which will be held in Calcutta on Dec. 24.

The Committee has invited Mr. V. D. Savarker to inaugurate the conference.

EQUIVALENTS FOR TECHNICAL TERMS

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30 (PTI): The conference of language experts which concluded its five-day deliberations here this evening have accepted equivalents for about 700 terms occuring in the Constitution of India, it is learnt.

The conference finalised the equivalents that it had tentatively accepted in its previous session and also considered equivalents for some of the terms which it had not considered previously. It decided that each language group should be free to shape the terms accepted by it, according to its own genius, so that the terms could be easily assimilated in each language.

INDO-CHINA WILL GIVE NO ASYLUM

Nationalist China's Vain Hope

LONDON, Nov. 30 (PTI-Reuter).

FRENCH authorities in Indo-China and the Vietnam Government of Bao Dai would strongly oppose any suggestion Chinese Nationalists might make to form a common front against the Communists, according to a French Embassy spokesman here.

He was commenting on a New China News Agency announcement that Communist Foreign Minister, Chou En Lai, had warned the Governments of France and the countries bordering China that they would bear full responsibility for harbouring any fugitive Kuomintang (Nationalist) troops and officers.

General Chou En Lai stated that Kuomintang leaders were "turning their hopes to Vietnam and other places on the frontiers of China" as an asylum and to prepare bases for a come-back if opportunity presented itself.

French officers here confirmed that there have been increasingly frequent reports of Kuomintang attempts to contact the Vietnam administration with a view to co-operating against the Communists.

But the Vietnam authorities had strongly rejected such a plan and French High Commissioner Leon Pignon was also understood to have declared that no such idea was contemplated.

THE OBSTACLE!

It was pointed out here that in any case Chinese territory on the border with Indo-China was almost entirely in the hands of the forces of Ho Chin Minh. Therefore, it was doubtful if Chinese Nationalist troops would attempt to cross the frontier in any force.

CHUNGKING STILL HELD

Nationalist forces today still hold parts of Chungking, their Communist-infested capital on the Upper Yangtse River, according to travellers flying into Hong Kong from Chengtu, temporary Government seat 200 miles to the north-west.

Nationalists still had one of the three airfields in the capital, they said.

Telephone lines were still working between Chungking and Chengtu.

ANOTHER EXODUS?

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek had reached Chengtu, but with the main Communist forces now switching in that direction, it was expected the Nationalist Cabinet would move out in the next few days to Taiwan, Formosa.

Nationalist officials arriving here from Chengtu earlier declared they believed the capital had fallen without a fight.

Telephone and telegraph communications with Hong Kong were cut last night.

INDIA'S MESSAGE TO EAST AFRICA

(Continued from Page 4)

Museum. Already he has collected a good round sum. The Europeans started a 'Polio fund, and Pant has helped that committee too in various ways.

COMMON CULTURE

A great task before our Commissioner is the working out of a common culture, a mixture of the East and the West, a fusion of common interests, to create a horizontal division instead of watertight vertical racial compartments as they are now. In the solution of this problem the present writer believes that Pant may be helped by Europeans and Africans; the hardest part is our own Indians who are conservative to the core, not easily changing their attitude and their set criteria of thought and judgment.

There is absolutely no doubt that our own brethren are reserved in manner, and hedged in by biased views on each and every subject. The sole aim of most of them here seems to be the making of money by all means. As Pant has said, they have made money their God and money is a bad master. How can Pant convince Europeans and Africans that Indians are here to serve as disciples of Gandhiji in their spirit of service unless he is helped by each and every one of his countrymen?

In these territories of British East Africa there is a lot of talk about the bad conscience of the Europeans, who have had to adopt many sad ways to make their sovereignty accepted. On the one hand they talk of the white man's burden; on the other of civilising the African. They say that they want to create an empire of love and understanding, an empire of Christ—something that is beyond conception during these times of disillusion. But they are concerned mostly with the maintenance of their own prestige and their rulership. For this very reason there is unrest and mistrust and fright all round in East Africa—and you might say that these are the problems of each and every nation the world over. For this reason we might say that Mahatma Gandhi strove to make India march on the right lines—no aim but the love of mankind, love of humanity, no racialism anywhere, every man a free man, no sense of oppression by anyone. No nation has the right to exert any sort of social, economic or political pressure over another. And this is the message that Pant has brought to these territories.

4 Lakh Tons Of Fertilisers For Land

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30 (PTI): Mr. R. K. Patil, Food Commissioner, Government of India, told the conference of agriculture officials of the provinces and states here today that import of four lakh tons of ammonium sulphate had been arranged for the current year and the same was expected to arrive by the end of this year.

The Government of India, he stated had decided to discontinue the subsidy to the provinces for nitrogenous fertilisers.

Attacks On U. S Shipping

ACHESON ACCUSES NATIONALISTS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Dean Acheson, United States Secretary of State, today accused the Chinese Nationalist Government of violating American rights through attacks by Nationalist vessels on American shipping near Shanghai.

Mr. Acheson told reporters that the United States Government had refused to accept the Nationalists' order as constituting a "legal blockade" but had warned shipping companies that any American ship which went into one of the closed ports would do so on its own responsibility.

"To my knowledge no American ship entered or attempted to enter Shanghai from late June, when the port was stated to be closed, until September, when arrangements had been made and publicly announced for the entrance of the general cordon.

NEW A-BOMB TESTS BY U. S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. (USIS): The U. S. Defence Department and Atomic Energy Commission announced jointly yesterday that a new series of atomic weapons tests will be held at the Eniwetok Atoll in the South Pacific. The dates of the coming tests were not given because of "security restrictions", the announcement said.

The tests, the third ones to be conducted by the United States since the end of World War II, will mark the first use of the Eniwetok proving grounds since "new and improved" weapons were tested there in April and May 1948.

Prior to the first Eniwetok tests, A-bombs were exploded at the Bikini Islands in the Pacific in June and July 1946.

RAMPUR MERGER TODAY

LUCKNOW, Nov. 30, (PTI): The Government of India have decided to merge the states of Rampur, Banaras and Tehri Garhwal with the United Provinces with effect from tomorrow Dec. 1.

The total area of the three states is 6,276 square miles and the population fourteen lakhs. The revenue from these states exceeds rupees 170 lakhs.

Rampur and Tehri Garhwal will become separate districts, while Banaras will be part of the Banaras District. After the merger of these three states, the United Provinces will have 51 districts.

Notification about the extension of the U.P. laws to these areas are also being issued shortly, it is learnt.

SPREADING GANDHIAN IDEOLOGY

Mazdoor Sevak Sangh's Proposal

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30. (UPI): A decision to depute one whole time trained worker to each district in India to spread Gandhian ideology in the labour movement generally and to help in promoting the health, efficiency and welfare of the landless labour, was reached today at a meeting of the Working Committee of the Hindusthan Majdoor Sevak Sangh, held at the residence of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who presided.

To carry out this programme and also for wider dissemination of Gandhian ideology, the Committee decided to issue a country-wide appeal for donations.

ENROLMENT OF CONGRESSMEN

Date Extended

PATNA, Nov. 30 (PTI): Mr. Kala Venkata Rao, General Secretary of the AICC in a circular letter to all Provincial Congress Committees has intimated that the last date for enrolment of qualified Congress members has been extended from November 30 1949, to December 15, 1949.

The last date for enrolling qualified members as effective members has been fixed as January 15, 1950.

The last date for the completion of election to the Village Panchayats which was fixed on December 31, 1949, has also been extended to January 1950.

Bihar Money-lenders Bill For Select Body

PATNA, Nov. 30 (PTI): An important bill, namely, the Bihar Money-Lenders (Regulation of Transaction) Amendment Bill, 1949, which seeks to "give relief to debtors" was discussed in the Bihar Assembly today and referred to a select committee for report.

The Bill reduce the rates of interests for secured loans from nine per cent to six per cent and that of unsecured loans from 12 and a half per cent to nine per cent.

Sholapur Mills May Reopen

RETRENCHMENT PROPOSED

BOMBAY, Wednesday (UPI): The Sholapur Mills, one of the major textile factories in the province of Bombay, is likely to reopen shortly after four months' closure, in view of certain decisions reached here today.

It is learnt that the proposal of the mill authorities to retrench some 3,000 and odd workers from the mills was referred to the Wage Board for adjudication as early as May 1949. The Board, after full consideration of the matter has recommended that the proposed retrenchment should be carried out in the mills, the authorities of which threatened total closure if there retrenchment proposal was not allowed to be implemented.

The decision of the Board to recommend retrenchment in the Sholapur Mills was taken at a meeting of the Board today under the presidentship of Sri Purshottam Kanji, the Chairman of the Board.

It is learnt in this connection that the matter may be further referred to the Industrial Court if any of the parties—the millowners and the labourers—do not want to abide by the recommendations of the Wage Board.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.

Previous closing	29.89
Today's opening	29.91
Difference	+2
Today's closing	29.97
Difference	+8

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, Nov. 30.

	Rs.	As.	Ps.
Silver Forward	171	6	0
Gold Forward	113	8	0
Silver Bullion	171	4	0
Silver Mint	171	8	0
Gold Ready	114	4	0
Sovereign	76	8	0

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.

Stock Exchange opening prices: Anaconda Copper Mining 28-1/4, General Motors 65-7/8, United States steel common unquoted,

United States steel preference unquoted.—(PTI-Reuter).

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Firm Trend

LONDON, Nov. 30, (PTI-Reuter): The new account or trading period on the London Stock Exchange started on a bright note today. Small gains were widespread with sentiment aided by the result of the New Zealand elections. This brought a change of Government with the defeat of the Labour Party.

Buying of British Government Stocks was less than on previous days but produced fractional gains.

New account buying infused new life into industrials and brought a rising trend to many of the miscellaneous leaders and groups.

New Zealand loans were quietly firmer but a gain of three Shillings at 55 Shillings was recorded by the National Bank of New Zealand.

Changes in oils were few but Ultramars lost few pence at seven and six on the company's scheme to raise £1,000,000 fresh capital.

Foreign bonds and rails were idle but among the former there was a firmness in Germans and Japanese loans.

South African minings were firm. Local buying of producers and developers was selective. Gains were well held at the close.

KARACHI COTTON MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Nov. 30.

Cotton Sind Nt. 74, Punjab 289 F 79, Fourf 73; Tone easy owing less demand and larger arrivals.

Yesterday's business 2500 mostly desi and fourf.

Arrivals 10733, exports 6758 of which 5500 for Russia 1000 Europe. Local stocks estimated ninety thousands bales compared 140000 year ago.

Cotton seeds Nt. ready 5-15 January 5-9-6, Quiet.

Gold 97-8, Sovereigns 64, Quiet.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Pakistan Government loans three percent 1960 101-14, Three percent 1968 100-2, Karachi Port Trust six percent 1956 114-8 Steady.

Madras Share Bazar

MADRAS, Nov. 30.

Following are today's quotations in the Madras Stock Exchange market:—

GOVT. LOANS: Three per cent Paper 97/8;three per cent 1986 97/10: three per cent 1970/75 100/2; three per cent 1968/68 100/4, Govt. of Travancore: three per cent 1952/54 100/12; Govt. of Madras Loan: three per cent 1956 100/8: three per cent 1960 100/2.

BANKS: Travancore 13/12.

PLANTINGS: Chembra 4/9; Devashola 13/8: Nelliampathy 1/0/6; Ouchterlony 5/6; Pullangode 1/1; Thirumbadi 1/11/6; T. R. and T. Co. 5/3 Valkundam 5/8.

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TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS

Tenders for Rs One crore of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday the 6th December up to 11 A.M. at Bombay and up to the close of business on Monday the 5th December 1949 at other centres (Calcutta, Kanpur and Madras) Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday the 9th December.

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ENVOY TO ARGENTINA HONOURED

Indian Ambassador in the Republic of Argentina, Mr. Jamshed Vesugar was the guest of honour at a reception given by the Association Cultural "Pena Argentina" recently. This is the premier association of leading writers and artists of Argentina. Large number of writers and artists collected to listen to the Indian Ambassador's address on "Modern India." The picture shows (1 to 3) Dr. Oscar Tascheret, Argentine Ambassador-designate to India, his wife and Mr. Jamshed Vesugar.

QUESTION HOUR IN PARLIAMENT

SEVERE CRITICISM ON SUGAR SHORTAGE

'No Imports From Outside Due To Exchange Difficulties'

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30 (PTI).

THE SUGAR SHORTAGE was the subject of a number of critical supplementary questions in the Indian Parliament today.

Pandit Hirday Nath Kunzru remarked amidst cheers: "It is astonishing that in spite of the serious complaints with regard to the shortage of sugar, Government should not possess even simple information about this matter".

The Speaker, Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, said, "that will be a matter for comment when the matter comes for discussion". He informed the House that during the course of the session a day would be allotted for discussing the question of sugar.

The Prime Minister and leader of the House, Pandit Nehru, said that Government were desirous that the House should be in full possession of such facts as Government had, before the discussion took place in the House and would circulate a note on the subject.

DATE OF ORDERS

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa wanted to know on which date orders were issued to the Provincial Governments to freeze sugar stocks. Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Minister for Food and Agriculture, said that telegrams were despatched by his Ministry round about 10 o'clock on September 1 and reached the Provincial Governments concerned early next morning or the same night.

Mr. Sidhwa: Is it a fact that before the orders reached the Bihar Government, some two thousand bags of sugar were actually despatched to Bombay from Bihar and that the Minister's attention was drawn to this but no notice was taken.

Mr. Jairamdas: I have no recollection of it. I will certainly go into it.

IMPORTS FROM OUTSIDE

Replying to other questions he said that the Sugar Syndicate had collected rupees ten lakhs as export pool money. The price of uncontrolled sugar stocks in September-October had risen in some places to Rs. 60 a maund.

In a written reply to Mr. R. Malviya, the Food Minister said that the Government did not propose to import sugar to fight the shortage. The main reason for this, he added, was the difficult foreign exchange position.

The Food Minister said at question time in Parliament today that the target date for stopping food imports into the country had not been changed from 1951 to 1950.

FEDERAL COURT LOCATION

The Government of India have decided that the Federal Court should be located at Delhi.

Giving this information at question time, Mr. Satya Narain Sinha, Minister of State in Parliamentary Affairs, in a written reply on behalf of the Works, Mines and Power Minister, said the question whether the Court should continue to be located in the Council House for the interim period or be shifted to some other premises in Delhi was still under consideration.

CHITARANJAN FACTORY

The Chittaranjan locomotive manufacturing plant is expected to go into production during 1950. Giving this information in a written reply, the Railway Minister said, of the seven chain units comprising the plant, the light machine shop and the pattern shop had been erected while work on the remaining five were well in hand.

FOOD IMPORTS

Nearly three million tons of foodgrains had been imported into India from abroad during the current year upto the end of October 1949.

The Food Minister giving the figures at question time in Parliament, said 749,000 tons of rice, 1,776,900 tons of wheat and flour, 133,900 tons of maize and 188,200 tons of barley, making up a total of 2,848,000 tons had been imported from abroad. The imports during 1950 were expected to be smaller than in 1949.

The Minister declined to publish the prices paid to different countries "in public interest".

PETROLEUM CONSUMPTION

The consumption of petroleum and petroleum products in the Indian Union recorded a substantial increase in the eighteen months ending September 30, 1949.

This was revealed in Parliament by Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Minister for Works, Mines and Power, in a written reply to a question.

MORE RAIL LINES

Three additional railway lines, one in Saurashtra, one in Hyderabad and one in Rajasthan have been opened during the year 1949-50. Giving this information at question time, Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, Railway Minister said the three lines were Dahinsara-Malia in Saurashtra, Himayatnagar-Dhanora in Hyderabad and Kanore-Bari Sadri in Rajasthan.

Three more railway links-Assem rail link, Khirsadoh-Rawanwara metre gauge section on the Bengal Nagpur Railway and Kanalus-Gop branch in Saurashtra—were expected to be opened within the current financial year.

RAILWAY EARNINGS

The Indian Railways earned during the ten months ended October 1949 approximately Rs. 70,64,46,489 from passenger traffic and Rs. 1,03,50,96,830 from goods traffic.

The earning for the same period in 1948 was Rs. 68,53,82,639 from passenger traffic and Rs. 76,54,99,360 from goods.

Mr. Satya Narayan Sinha, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, replying to a question said that the economy drive might affect all irrigation and flood control projects including the Damodar, Bhakra-Nangal and Hirakud Dam projects.

'Whispering Campaign' Against Night Air Mail Service

SPIRITED DEFENCE OF SCHEME

Kidwai Calls Allegations A Pack Of Lies

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30 (PTI).

MR. RAFI AHMED KIDWAI, Minister for Communications, today branded as "lies" the "whispering campaigns" against Government's decision to introduce the night air mail service. He was loudly cheered as he replied to these charges which, he said, "had been reproduced in a pamphlet issued by Air-India."

Mr. Kidwai said that since the operation of the night air mail service every company, except Air-India, had announced or were seeking to introduce lower rates for the day services.

Mr. Kidwai was intervening in a debate on a resolution moved by Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudhuri who wanted that the system of carrying mails and passengers by air by night should be "abolished forthwith."

ALLEGATIONS

Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudhri, who said that he himself had no facts in his possession to prove or disprove the allegations, wanted to know whether the following allegations were true or not: Government have been favouring a particular concern, namely the Himalayan Aviation Ltd., against which there were certain allegations in the past; the Industry had not reached a stage when it could undertake carrying of passengers by night; the night-flying had been introduced with the ultimate purpose of nationalising the Industry.

If that was so—and he would welcome nationalisation—why should they resort to this indirect method of "killing" some of the day operators? The system of licensing had been changed to make the Licensing Board remain "at the beck and call of the Honourable Minister." The existing state of the ground organisation at air fields made them unsafe for carrying passengers at night by air. The night air mail service would "ruin" the business of the day operators. The petrol consumed on account of the night air service was seven and half lakhs gallons, which could be better used for providing more road transport facilities, of which some of the provinces like West Bengal were acutely short. This "waste" of petrol would affect the Grow More Food Campaign and the rehabilitation of refugees. The night air service amounted to favouritism for one or two companies at the expense of others which had acted patriotically during the Jammu and Kashmir operations.

NO QUESTION OF FAVOURITISM

Kidwai Explains

Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai said that ever since the introduction of night air mail, his Ministry, as well as the Directorate of Civil Aviation had been charged with showing favouritism to one particular air company or the other. He said that all these charges were a lie.

On the 13th January, he said, he had invited some companies to operate the night air service between Bombay and Delhi. The Ministry decided to allow the Indian Overseas Service to operate the night air service between Calcutta and Bombay. This decision had been taken on January 15, he said.

NEGOTIATIONS

The U.P.I. adds: Only two companies then undertook to operate the night air service. They were: the Air Services of India and the Indian Overseas Service, he said.

The Air Services of India, Mr. Kidwai said, had asked for a charge of Rs. 5 a mile, but the Government of India, he said, could not agree to any additional charge. Similarly, the Indian Overseas Services also had demanded an additional charge of Rs. 4 a mile for the carrying of mails by night, by air. Negotiations took place between the Government and the companies, the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs being in charge of the Government's view-point.

The D.G.P.T., Mr. Kidwai continued, later recommended to the Director-General of Civil Aviation, who was in charge of granting licences to companies that the Indian Overseas Service Company had demanded an additional charge of Rs. 4 per mile for night operation.

It was sometime in November, probably on Nov. 25, Mr. Kidwai said, that the DGCA accepted the recommendations of the DGPT.

On the 6th of January and subsequently on August 29 conferences were held at which representatives of all the air companies had been invited in order to advise the Government how best the air service by night could be operated and which of the companies could undertake operation of the services.

PROVISIONAL LICENCE

In the meantime, he said, he had given the Indian Overseas Company only a provisional licence for operating the Calcutta-Delhi service and had told the Company clearly that the granting of the provisional licence did not, in any way, confer upon that company any privilege for future licences. According to the advice tendered to him by Mr. Tata, Mr. Kidwai continued, he had given this provisional licence to the company for operation of the service only for a limited period, because Mr. Tata had advised the Government to suspend the night air service during the monsoon.

After the monsoon, he added, the Air Services of India had also renewed their application for licence, Mr. Kidwai said.

HYDERABAD TROUBLE

No Favour To Any Line

Mr. Kidwai also repudiated another charge against the Ministry that the Indian Overseas Service had originally agreed to operate the night air mail service because the Government had given the company an assurance that when from 1st April the All-Up Air Mail System was to be introduced that company would be given preference to carry the night mail and that under conditions of assurances. The company agreed to put up with the loss for a period of two months. This allegation also, Mr. Kidwai said, was a "lie". There was no such commitment on his part and the All-Up Air Mail System had nothing to do with the night air mail service.

Referring again to the days of trouble in Hyderabad, Mr. Kidwai said that at the suggestion of India's Agent-General Mr. K. M. Munshi in Hyderabad on account of certain difficulties in the State, it should be arranged to carry certain important persons from Hyderabad by air by night, the Government had given licence to another company to operate that night air service on that line. There again, he said, no favour had been shown to any individual company. The licence had been granted after consultation with the Madras Government and consultation with the existing companies.

The Government's policy had been all along, Mr. Kidwai said, to minimise expenditure on the operation of air service during nights and in the execution of that policy he did not like any one to stand on his way.

DEFICITS

When the Finance Minister announced the introduction of All-Up Mail in April last, Mr. Kidwai continued, all the existing six companies had been asked by the Government to take up the operation of the scheme. This again proved that the Government did not show any favour to any particular company.

The Air Services of India had applied for licence and they had estimated a deficit of more than Rs. 10 lakhs. The Air India had estimated the deficit at Rs. 20 lakhs and had actually claimed for a rebate of Rs. 5,67,880 for the last two months claiming that the operation had been uneconomic.

Mr. Kidwai also referred to a report in a paper that operation of the night air service in India was uneconomical. This repart had been written by an American expert, he said.

Referring to figures again, Mr. Kidwai said that the operation cost per mile of the night air mail system came about Rs. 3-8-0 after allowance being made for the annual depreciation of Dakotas.

The capital of the company now operating the night air service was somewhere about Rs. 21 lakhs and the company had been running the service efficiently for about 8 months and 20 days.

In the meantime, Mr. Kidwai added, the Air India had asked for an operation charge of Rs. 5-3-0 per mile, to which the Government could not obviously agree.

Mr. Kidwai then referred to the Government's invitation to all air companies for undertaking the night air service. But as the terms offered by them were not economical they had no other go but to give the licence to Himalayan Airways.

Several members wanted to know whether any assurance had been given to the Himalayan Airways that, to the exclusive other companies, that company would be allowed to operate day service also. Mr. Kidwai said that no such assurance had been given.

LOWER RATES LATER OFFERED

False Allegations

Asked what were the rates charged at present for the carriage of mail and passengers by night, Mr. Kidwai said that for mails, the company charged the Government 25 per cent more than the day-time rates. For passengers, the cost was first class fare plus 12.5 per cent.

The All-Up Mail System had nothing to do with the granting of licences for air companies to operate the night air service system, Mr. Kidwai assured.

He also informed the House that after about a month's watching of the operation of the night air service by the Himalayan Airways, the Air India had offered lower rates to the Government. Similarly the Bharat Airways, Deccan Airways had also applied to the Government for licences offering to operate the lines at lower rates. The Indian National Airways had offered a reduction up to 40 percent of their original demand. This clearly showed, Mr. Kidwai said, that Government did not under-estimate the operation costs of companies, nor was any favour shown to any particular company.

They had to keep in mind the minimum cost of operation and whichever company accepted their terms got the licence. That was all. Therefore, the charges that government had shown some favour or the Minister had some other interests in the present operating company were all false statements, he said.

Prof. K. T. Shah suggested in an amendment that the whole aspect of the civil aviation should be investigated and examined by an independent Commission so that the Government might make the most equitable, efficient and economic arrangement.

NEHRU'S OPINION

The Prime Minister Pandit Nehru expressed complete agreement with a great deal of the general proposition which Prof. Shah had made. He thought no member would disagree with his proposition that air services were essential for a modern country both from the civil and military points of view and that air services should be based on a strong foundation. Every care should be taken that it grew upon this foundation.

It was also desirable that the best and independent advice should be taken so that the country might not commit errors. These were admitted facts. Unfortunately, said Pandit Nehru, this motion had been brought forward in this House and some of the arguments advanced for had hardly been on the high level of the principles Prof. Shah enunciated. But his motion referred to all points of controversies and insinuations, with the result that consideration of the vital principle had been shifted from that plane of principle to details and personal accusations, ignoring the main facts.

IGNORING REALITY

The Government could not accept the motion asking for the stoppage of the night airmail scheme, Pandit Nehru said, because the night airmail system was good (hear hear). It did not mean that the Government were satisfied with all aspects of the night air mail schemes and were not prepared to enquire into the details.

But to say that it should be abolished forthwith seemed to ignore the reality of the situation and proceed to deal with some particular aspect which could not be isolated from others.

Pandit Nehru added: "The unfortunate part of the affair is that some how it appears that there is a dispute to which the Government is a party or the Ministry of Communication is party to the dispute. I repudiate that and I want to remove any such charge.

The Government may make a mistake and the Ministry of Communication may also make some mistakes. It is our duty to be above party politics and take independent technical advice. We should decide objectively and impartially as to what should be done."

NATIONALISATION

Speaking about the question of nationalisation of civil aviation services, Pandit Nehru said there was hardly a single member in the House who was opposed to the idea. The Government did not come to an conclusion on the interim report submitted by a committee appointed two years ago.

He added: "The Government did consider the matter on several occasions but felt that on the ground of feasibility and practicability, it was not desirable to have the scheme of nationalisation to be given effect to."

It was decided in regard to Air India International service that it should be a mixed concern with Government capital and capital of private company which should run it. There was no choice and the Government could not do it themselves. It involved serious risks and danger and required high organisational skill.

TOP RANKING

The Prime Minister added: "I have travelled half a dozen times in Air India International. There is a feeling of surprise among the people of international companies in Britain and other places that an Indian international air service had come to succeed because they expected that in view of the highly technical and complicated difficulties which they themselves have experienced any attempt by an Indian company would fail.

There is a general impression, when we go to England or America, among the air travelling public that Air India International is on the top rank of the international air services (cheers).

"On my part", said the Prime Minister, "I would not at all like development of monopoly in India unless ultimately the monopoly may be the monopoly of the State. The Government should try to encourage as many good services as possible but the encouragement of too many services may result in too severe competition between them and lead to disruption."

Mr. Masani giving comparative figures of fares in the United States where the industry had highly developed and in India said that in the United States the air companies charged six cents per mile (4-1/2 annas) for passenger traffic and here the maximum had been fixed at four annas.

ECONOMICAL

Mr. Khurshed Lal, the Deputy Minister of Communications defending the introduction of the night air service said both from the point of view of mails and passengers it could not be denied that they were being carried expeditiously now.

Referring to the economics of the operation, the Deputy Minister said the well-established air services had been prepared to undertake the night scheme if there was a guarantee of rupees three per mile and if they were allowed to take whatever was earned up to Rs. 3/8/- per mile sharing equally with the Government anything earned above Rs. 3/8.

The company that was operating the scheme now earned Rs. 3/8/- and so there could be no question that the scheme was not economical. Government was being accused on the one hand of showing favouritism to one company in the night service scheme and on the other it was being stated that the scheme was uneconomical. "The position is the older airline companies miscalculated on this matter. When they find the present company was earning Rs. 3/8/- per mile there was a hue and cry."

DICTATING TERMS

Mr. Khursed Lal said that it was not true that the earning of the day services both in passenger and mail traffic had been affected. Even in regard to mails, compared to last year when the night air mail scheme had not been introduced, the day service companies were earning 50 per cent more now.

The day service companies could not refuse to run the night mail scheme and claim all the benefits of the all-up air mail scheme. The day service companies thought the Government was committed to starting of the night service by a particular date and had combined themselves into a transport association and thought "they could dictate terms to the Government".

"It is time the industry also realises that while Government is prepared to listen to all the advices given by the industry and is prepared to come to the help of the industry, the ultimate decision in these matters must be that of the Government and Government alone", he said.

Before the mover could reply, the House adjourned till 10-45 tomorrow morning.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

I SEE that Mr. H. V Kamath has started a new hare. He has decided to move in the Indian Parliament that "the proceedings of the House should commence with a suitable prayer to God". The Congress Assembly Party have failed in their efforts to dissuade him and he is to be opposed by a member who feels that those who believe in God and prayer might pray in their homes before setting out for the Assembly.

Mr. Kamath has really posed a problem which baffles everyone who has faced up honestly to it. In my own less sophisticated days, I found myself the Secretary of a little group which did make an effort at common prayer. Membership was strongly divided between those who wanted to have prayer-meetings, those who could not endure the very idea of it, and those who felt that, if there were to be prayer-meetings, they should be arranged to represent every faith from which members were drawn. And, I forgot, there was myself always willing to try everything once and easily swayed by every opinion I heard.

The missionary influence was strong —I mean the Christian missionary influence. And I must say in fairness to the missionary members that their presence in our midst was quite resented by orthodox missionaries. Between them and the anti-prayer group, there could be no compromise; but as they were of the older generation, the unbelievers were polite and reticent. These even resented my telling the prayers that there was some resentment at prayer-meetings. I had no difficulty in persuading the missionary section that there should be prayer-meetings from different religious leaders. Only as Secretary I was asked to do the arranging.

I entered on my task with enthusiasm; though possessed of no great faith in prayer myself, I am quite prepared to set it down to my own shortcoming, not to the inefficacy of prayer. May be, as one good woman told me, I did not know how to pray; may be, as another aggressive believer put it, I always prayed for the wrong things. But that is another question.

We fixed the meetings for Sundays. One Sunday we were to have a Hindu, another a Christian, a third a Roman Catholic (if he would come), a fourth a Muslim, a fifth a Parsi, and so on.

The first Hindu I got hold of had different notions about prayer from the one the rest of us held. He covered the wide but controversial field of current events and left without anyone feeling particularly religious. As a fighting controversialist, he had us all arguing about the views he expressed long after probably he had forgotten about it all. It was a success from the point of view of the non-praying but the devout felt the whole thing was slipping.

I was honestly shocked when the Moulvi came and kept everyone restless and fidgetting throughout his prayer. The mission crowd mildly and almost shame-facedly protested against this as something which did not satisfy their need. I told them this was unreasonable but they rightly said that it was not a matter of reason. There was a near-crisis when the Muslim members expressed their disgust at the conduct of the others and threatened to quit.

I might have continued with my effort since the next two were well received but then another challenge presented itself: A visitor to Bombay, a well-known Hindu leader, was called to conduct prayers. He proved magnificent, I thought; but the religious were all very fidgetty. I sounded opinion and was completely bowled over by the answer. It seemed that he referred to God as Mother and this upset the bulk of the members who were all brought up in the good tradition of the Fatherhood of God.

We were not yet defeated. In a conference of the serious-minded, we decided to take refuge in the silent prayer which has been a great success with the Quakers. Unfortunately, we all lacked the discipline and in the silence our minds went on revolving round the experiences we had had with prayer-meetings. It was too much for me. And we had gone too far to revert to the old practice.

There was another difficulty: Many who came out on Sunday mornings from their distant homes, were reluctant to go back after the brief 20 minutes. These adjourned to the neighbouring teashop where they were anything but religious. I felt that I was getting them under false pretences. It was certainly conveying a wrong idea to the devout who regarded the meetings as an unqualified success as far as numbers went.

Of course, Constituent Assembly members do not face this difficulty since they are meeting for other business and the prayer is only an incident. But then there is the other danger that many might come in deliberately late to avoid the prayer.

I am sure if Mr Kamath had been faced with this kind of problem, he would have dropped his point.

FORTY-FOUR INDIANS QUIT S. AFRICA

"Double Bonus" Offer Accepted

DURBAN, Nov. 30 (PTI-Reuter):—Forty-four South African-born Indians are leaving for India on Monday under the South African Government's voluntary bonus scheme.

This offers all South African-born Indians a double bonus if they are willing to leave the Union for good.

Since the beginning of the year, 168 Indians have left under the scheme.

MUTT AND JEFF—And What Do You Know? No Amusement Tax

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